

Sack Cavanagh, say aboriginals

PERTH. — The National Aboriginal Consulative Committee will reiterate its demand that Senator Cavanagh be replaced as Aboriginal Affairs Minister.

The acting chairman of the committee, Mr Eddie Bennell, said to-day: "We want Cavanagh out."

Senator Cavanagh and the committee have been in dispute since the committee changed its name last week and demanded more powers.

But it returned to its original name when Senator Cavanagh threatened to stop their allowances.

Mr Bennell said he would return to Canberra at the weekend to discuss the issue with the Prime Minister, Mr Whitlam.

"We still intend asking Mr Whitlam to replace Mr Cavanagh," Mr Bennell said.

"He has shown he is ignorant of the plight of the aboriginal people and unreasonable in his attitude to the congress.

"We want to be a congress, which has status equivalent to a parliament, for one big reason.



● **Senator Cavanagh**

"If the Labor Government goes out in the next elections, we could go out, too, if we are only a committee."

In a temporary truce, the congress had agreed to revert to its advisory role, while it prepared a new constitution with more powers to present to the Cabinet.