

***The Age*, 9 May 1939, p. 4, For the Aborigines. William Cooper, Honorary Secretary, Australian Aborigines' League, Letter to the Editor**

I note that a memorial to Mr. Lyons has been mooted. Mr Lyons's administration was most sympathetic toward aboriginal aspirations. His correspondence with us and the new aboriginal policy for the Federal Territory have endeared his memory to our people. It is with pleasure that we recall that we communicated our appreciation of him and his administration at a time when he was able to appreciate it.

As a memorial, we propose that a fund be created by public subscription to be vested in trustees and used for the uplift of our people. We have good reason for feeling that a fund in the name of the J. A. Lyons memorial, to be used to carry on the work so splendidly begun with the new policy — almost the last act of his administration — would meet with general approval.