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"Australians were raving about persecuted minorities in other parts of the world, but were they ready to voice their support for the unjustly treated aboriginal minority in Australia?" Mr D. Nicholls, aboriginal preacher, and former League footballer, asked at the Unitarian Church yesterday.

"We want to say good-bye to compounds and native reserves," he said. "We want to live in co-operation, to help as Australia progresses. I saw my people on the Nullabor Plain when I was crossing by train, running to and fro by the carriages, begging for food, crying "Gibbit, gibbit." They seized pieces of apple peel, scraps of bread that were thrown out the windows and doors. I can never forget it. White people must learn to think black. When you took this land from us you took us with it. We are your responsibility. Although we try to live as good citizens and pay our taxes, we are denied all the privileges of nationhood. We cannot vote in New South Wales; our children cannot go beyond the third grade in school. The authorities may close the schools to them; but they cannot close the schools of human experience.