

***Herald* (Melbourne), 22 January 1938, p. 6, Bishop Opposed to Aboriginal MPs.  
“Black Cannot Represent Black,” He Says**

An educated aboriginal to represent the Australian natives in the Federal Parliament would be of little value, said the Vicar-Apostolic of Kimberley (Bishop Raible, P.S.M), who is in Melbourne for the opening on Sunday of the Pallotine Missionary College at Kew, where young Australian men will be trained for work in the Roman Catholic missions in Northern and Western Australia.

The aborigines could best be represented by white men educated in their psychology, customs and needs.

Representatives would have to be nominated, and probably appointed directly by the Government or by Parliament. It would be quite impossible to hold an election. The natives would not even know what it was about.

Bishop Raible has no faith in the theory that encouragement should be given half-castes and whites to marry, so that within three or four generations of new white blood the black would have been bred out.

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#### Delegates Leave

As delegates to the convention of the Aborigines' Progressive Association in Sydney, the secretary of the Australian Aborigines' Protection League (Mr W. Cooper, Mrs M. Tucker and Mr Doug Nicholls, the former Fitzroy footballer, who are all of aboriginal blood, are leaving for Sydney today.

They will attend the Aborigines' Day of Mourning in Sydney, which will coincide with the 150th anniversary celebrations, and will join the deputation to the Prime Minister Mr Lyons to advance the aborigines' claims for representation in the Federal House.