

***Herald* (Melbourne), 21 April 1938, p. 3, Flogging Opposed. Reply to Judge on Natives**

Commenting today on the regret expressed by Judge Wells at Darwin that he could not order a flogging for the native Packsaddle found guilty of an attempted attack on a white woman, the president of the Australian Aborigines' Protection League (Mr A. P. A. Burdeu) said the outlook of the judge was distinctly harsh.

In sentencing Packsaddle to four years' imprisonment with hard labor, Judge Wells had said that under existing laws it was impossible for the court to order a flogging.

"We have always claimed that a dark man guilty of any offence should be treated in the same way as a white man", said Mr Burdeu, "and we make no protest against the punishment inflicted in this instance.

"Flogging is, however, barbarous.

"So far as we have any record, this is the first authentic case of an aboriginal attacking a white woman."

The Victorian convener of the Australian Inland Mission (the Rev. A. S. Houston) said he would be sorry to see flogging of natives introduced at a time when flogging of ordinary criminals was being steadily reduced.