

***Workers' Weekly, 24 May 1938, p. 3, Aborigines' Ration 1/- Meeting Protests***

The ration allowance for adult aborigines in Western Australia has been fixed at 1/- a week by the State administration, headed by chief administrator, A. O. Neville, it is reported.

Resolutions of protest to the W.A. Premier and to the Department of Native Affairs against this starvation allowance were forwarded from a large meeting held on the Yarra Bank, Melbourne, at a recent meeting.

The motion strongly criticised the "deplorable conditions existing among the aborigines and half castes" (in Western Australia), and demanded full citizen rights and educational facilities.

Motions demanding similar improvements for aborigines throughout Australia were forwarded to Lyons and to Federal Minister for the Interior McEwen.

The Australian Aborigines' League is pleased with the results of the Yarra Bank meeting, which marks a big step forward in the campaign for improved conditions.

The speakers were enthusiastically received by a large crowd, and £5 11 9 was collected.