

*From person to person—*

# THOUGHTS ON RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION

● “The colour bar! It shows the meaner mind of moron kind.”

—Kath Walker.

● “I’ve copped discrimination—every Aboriginal person has copped it. Something that gets me with white people, when we complain about discrimination . . . The white person who is supposed to be in with us and helping the cause of Aborigines will often say—and I feel like knocking their teeth in when they say it—‘Oh, leave it, he’s only one person, leave it.’ But it’s not a matter of leaving it.”

—Michael Anderson (Walgett).

● “There’s a lot of inconsistency with this discrimination. Some Aborigines might go into a pub and cause a bit of a blue. But nine times out of ten, so does the white man. Yet only the Aboriginal gets barred.”

—Bob Morgan (Walgett).

● “I’ve been told to go back to Africa, or the Northern Territory. I don’t come from the Northern Territory—why should I go back there? This hurts me, not because I’m black, but because people are so *ignorant*. They don’t know anything about the Aboriginal culture, or the present situation. Many people don’t even know that we exist, here, now—not out in the Nullabor Plains somewhere.”

—Kaye Mundine (Grafton).

● “The whites who do know a bit about us say ‘right, we’ve got an Aboriginal problem. Let the government solve it. Good old government, they’ll do it. They don’t realize that the problem has to be solved by themselves, too. It’s something *everybody* has to play their little part in.”

—Kaye Mundine.

*left to right: Michael Anderson, Kaye Mundine, and Bob Morgan.*

