

For Liberty and Freedom Fred Maynard and the Australian Aboriginal Progressive Association

John Maynard

ENDORSEMENTS

One of the most naturally talented and promising Aboriginal writers whom I have had the good fortune to meet. Peter Read

Professors Henry Reynolds, Heather Goodall and Ann Curthoys have provided positive comments.

DESCRIPTION

Did opposition to the British invasion of this country spring from the Mabo decision, or the 1972 tent embassy? Neither!

Here John Maynard explores the first successful all-Aboriginal activist group, the Australian Aboriginal Progressive Association (AAPA) in the early 20th century.

Their demands centred on Aboriginal rights to land, citizenship, preventing Aboriginal children being taken from their families, and defending a distinct Aboriginal cultural identity.

For the first time in Australia's history, Aboriginal people held street rallies, conducted regional and city meetings, and used newspapers as a political tool.

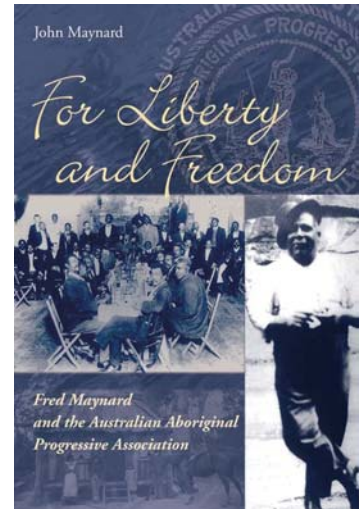
Maynard explores the AAPA's formation, its platform and people, and the reasons it was stopped — by political forces.

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SELLING POINTS

- Reinforces that all-Aboriginal political activism began prior to the 1970s. It has a long history.
- Reveals the AAPA's contact with controversial African-American black activist Marcus Garvey.
- First investigation of Fred Maynard (the author's grandfather) and the AAPA.
- Author Professor at Newcastle Uni (NSW): highly motivated; well connected through history associations; has a good media profile; has advised on TV programs etc.



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