

AUST SOVEREIGNTY WILL BE ENFORCED

COCOS ISLANDS, Thursday (AAP): The Australian Minister for External Territories, Mr Peacock, arrived in the Cocos Islands last night determined to enforce on local land owner, John Clunies Ross, Australia's absolute sovereignty over the territory.

He said on arrival that Australian rule had to be accepted as a fact. Australia had complete international legal backing for its control over the territory.

Mr Peacock made it clear that sovereignty was simply non-negotiable.

He arrived at Cocos by Royal Australian Air Force VIP jet after a day travelling 3300 miles from the snow flurries of the Australian Capital Territory to the tropical island almost on the equator for his

on the equator for his confrontation with Mr Clunies Ross.

Mr Peacock's visit follows disclosure of a report which was heavily critical of the rule of Mr Clunies Ross

over the 500 Malays working on his copra plantations.

Mr Peacock refused to disclose the points he intended to raise with Mr Clunies Ross, but said they should be considered discussions rather than negotiations.

He disclosed that there had been cables passing back and forth between Cocos and Canberra over the past two weeks, and said he be-

lieved the discussions would be amicable.

But he made clear that he would not entertain any suggestion from Mr Clunies Ross that he had, as the freehold owner, absolute control of Home Island within the atoll.

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Mr Peacock spent the night receiving a final briefing on West Island of the Cocos before his confrontation today with Mr Clunies Ross.

NEW POST FOR BRADY

BRISBANE, Thursday (AAP): Aboriginal civil rights leader, **Pastor Don Brady**, has won a big battle for himself and his people.

Pastor Brady has been appointed to a new job with the Central Methodist Mission working full-time with aboriginals.

He will be liaison officer within the Christian Community Centre with the responsibility for the physical, social and political well-being of the aboriginal people.

It is understood the position is on a six months' trial basis.

UFO still UFO

CANBERRA, Thursday (AAP): Australia's Government astronomer, **Dr Harley Wood**, said here yesterday he was unable to account for the presence on an unidentified object which has been appearing in the sky over Taree, a country town 211 miles north-north-

211 miles north-north-west of here.



● Mr PEACOCK

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