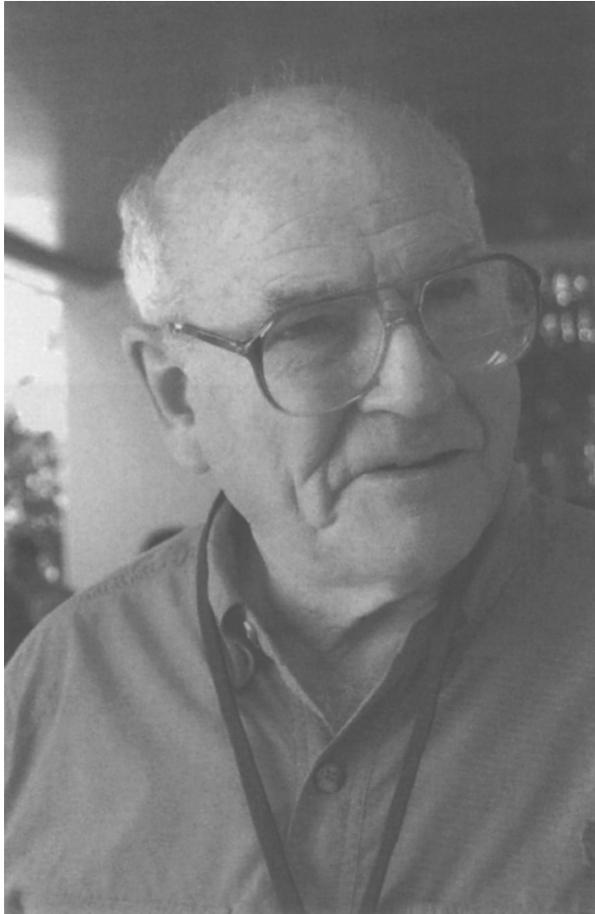


INTRODUCTION



The opening ceremony by representatives of the Birrigubba people who were the original inhabitants of this part of Australia (*photo: Seth Shostak*)



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