

CINESOUND REVIEW

BATMAN TREATY

**L.S. SKYLINE** Melbourne... Australia's second largest city and today worth millions and millions of pounds in real estate alone. But let's turn back the clock to eighteen thirty five, when John Batman made a take-over bid for the site. On the banks of the Merri Creek he bought Melbourne and a large chunk of Victoria for some knives, mirrors, blankets and a hundred pounds of flour — on the black market, of course.

**CROWD** At this re-enactment, Batman and three members of his party meet eight aboriginal chiefs... and Victoria's first sub-division and development site is under way! The natives signed a treaty, giving Batman and his party six hundred thousand acres.

**CORROBOREE** They seemed glad to get rid of the place — and even threw their clothes in. The Batman treaty gave Melbourne to Australia... and today a hundred pound bag of flour wouldn't even buy a taxi ride from one end of it to the other. This was a take-over bid which has REALLY paid off!