



Smoke Signals

► **TIP FOR THE MONTH** Give brassware a beautiful shine by rubbing it with a cut tomato. Then wash and dry the brassware.

► World-famous Aboriginal singer Harold Blair will soon work as supervisor on a reserve of the South Australian Aborigines Affairs Department.

► Another report from South Australia said that fewer Aborigines had been convicted of drunkenness since new drinking rights there became law. Before the restrictions were lifted some Aborigines drank in sheer defiance of the law.

► Twenty Aborigines from as far away as Townsville and Cape York Peninsula attended the ninth annual Summer School for Aborigines and Islanders held at Tranby Co-operative College last month. The school, in the Sydney suburb of Glebe, is the only adult residential college for Aborigines in Australia. A wide variety of lectures were given by experts in fields such as the Press, co-operatives and credit unions, trade-unions, and native plants.

► Jack Quale, of Wilcannia Aborigines settlement, wrote to *Dawn* not long ago. At the time Wilcannia was still classified drought-stricken and men there were hard-pressed to find work. Jack said that many local people had gone fruit harvesting; others had got work with the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission on the Menindee Lakes project, and with the Railways Department. Many were forced to accept social service benefits. Douglas and Lorraine Harris and June and Nelson Jones were attending Tranby Co-operative College,

and Jack believes that young people wanting to improve their education and living standard will find no better training than that offered by Tranby.

► Enngonia children had an exciting time at their annual Christmas Tree function. Mrs Trustum, Board welfare officer, and her children had a hot and dusty 60-miles drive from Bourke, but were welcomed by beaming faces of children who had eagerly awaited their arrival. After a short meeting explaining the true meaning of Christmas many wonderful presents were given to the kids. Mrs Trustum and the people of Enngonia express sincere thanks to the many generous donors throughout the State, and the Aborigines Welfare Board, Brownies, Parents and Citizens' Committee, and the Bush Nurse—the lady who donated the food, drinks and lollies.

► Residents at Coraki were greatly saddened early this month by the death of Mr Daniel Sambo, of Woodenbong. Mr Sambo was holidaying with his daughter, Mrs Janet Gomes of Coraki Reserve, when he took ill and was taken to Campbell Hospital, Coraki. Mr E. R. Leggo, supervisor at the Reserve, said it was a pleasure to know and speak to the gentlemanly Mr Sambo. Dan was a full-blood Aborigine and much respected; he was 96 years old.

► **PERTH GIRL WANTS A PEN-FRIEND.** Jill Churnside, an 18-years-old Aboriginal girl from Perth, Western Australia, would like to correspond with a 19-to 20-year old boy. Jill is a clerical assistant working for the Department of Native Welfare. Her interests are swimming, dancing, reading, writing, collecting stamps, music