

SMOKE SIGNALS

The times they are a changin' (I)

Poster in a suburban Methodist youth club:

"Racial prejudice—blind ignorance."

Today a keenness to help, communicate and learn the problems of people all over the world is everywhere in evidence. Certainly there are many ignorant, small-minded people. But there are also many, who are not, and who really do mean well.

The times they are a changin' (II)

It has been estimated that total world knowledge is doubling every 13 years. The name "knowledge explosion" is a truly fitting one. Only the young and well-educated can cope with the problems of tomorrow. That is why it is more important now than it ever was to *keep your child at school.*

► "Aborigines must realize that education is so vitally important. Now Aborigines keep talking about a need for education. Yet the same people who are yelling this from the rooftops keep their kids away from school on the slightest pretext. But we shouldn't condemn them for it. What we've got to do is to help them see that they are only hurting themselves."

—a teacher of Aboriginal children, N.S.W.

► Two pretty Aboriginal school-girls graduated from a modelling course at Samantha Promotions in Sydney recently. They are:

Kathy Hardy from Brewarrina, now living at Fairlight, Sydney.

Sue Bell from Bourke, now living with her grandparents in Phillip Street, Alexandria.

Both girls were awarded scholarships to do the modelling course by Samantha Promotions and the Aboriginal Children's Advancement Society.

Congratulations, girls!

Did You Hear...

...about the lady called Mary who married a chap called John Christmas? Mary Christmas!

...about a chap called Bridge, whose parents, feeling funny, called him Sydney Harbour?

► The two poems below are both originals—the work of students at the Aboriginal *Kormilda College*, Darwin.

"A CORROBOREE"

Hear the beat of the wild corroboree dance
Drumming, drumming!
The bush lands echo
As the corroboree begins.
We around the camp fire
Gaze at the red hot coals.

The wrinkled old Dailymirri
Is chanting, chanting,
Chanting his story,
From the dreamtime.
See the men dancing
Like mad brolgas,
Hair standing straight like pandanus leaves.

Painted bodies like spirits,
Their thin legs go up and down
Stirring up the dust,
Drumming, drumming.
Hear the beat
As the bushland echoes
To the wild corroboree dance.

Elizabeth Milmilany (Elcho Island)

"THIS IS MY COUNTRY!"

With deserts that stretch and never end;
A lone gum tree standing there
In heat and dust;
A whirlwind which blows across the plains
And dead grass and burning sun.

Yvonne Driver (Warrabri)

Still Winning

Evonne Goolagong, at present playing in England, has just won two women's singles titles.

On 1st April, in Lancashire, she beat British Wightman Cup player Joyce Williams 6-2, 6-3. This was her first tournament outside Australia.

On Saturday, 18th April, she defeated Jill Cooper in the final of the Cumberland Club Womens' hardcourt singles title, 6-2, 9-7.