

mander made available special guides who conducted parties of the children all over the aircraft carrier which, at the time, was in graving dock. For each of these entertainments and to return home, special double decker buses were provided, and this in itself was quite a novelty for many of the children. These bus rides brought out quite a lot of hidden talent, not only amongst the children but also the Attendants. "For Ever and Ever" and "Wedding Bells" were the favourite community songs while the buses passed through the streets of Sydney and the suburbs.

Entertainments during the evening consisted of films, a projector being kindly loaned by the National Film Council, and a visit from the Christian Endeavour Union and the Bahais. The Bahais were introduced by Mr. Michael Sawtell, and entertained the children with a puppet show and very interesting slide pictures of Central Australia. At the conclusion of the evening they provided supper for the children.

The Superintendent, Mr. Saxby, the Secretary, Mr. Mullins, and Mrs. Inspector English were frequent visitors at the Camp and did not hesitate to take their part in the work which the Camp entailed. Members of Head Office staff all paid a visit at some time or other during the Camp and when they did, they were to be found ironing the children's dresses, peeling the potatoes and carrying out other necessary chores.

#### Board Visit to Camp.

On the afternoon of January 18, an official visit was paid to the Camp by the members of the Board. The Minister, Mr. Kelly, and the Chairman, Mr. Buttsworth, had visited the Camp the day before. The photographs which appear in this issue were taken by the Government Printer on the occasion of the visit of the members of the Board. We hope that these photographs will give some idea of what the Camp looked like.

Unfortunately, when it came to the time when the Camp should be broken up, Sydney was visited by one of its wettest weekends for many years. Despite this great disadvantage and the inconvenience caused by the rain, the departure from La Perouse was organised satisfactorily and the children all went away with smiles on their faces. As the time for the children's departure to their various homes extended over a period of nearly seven or eight hours, arrangements were made for them to be brought to a central point in Sydney and here some valuable assistance was given by Rev. Father John Hope, of Christ Church, St. Laurence, who made available the Parish Hall where the children could assemble and wait for their various trains. The Knights of St. George, an organisation connected with Christ Church, provided the children with ample refreshment, and when the time came to go to the train, despite the inclement weather, each face carried a broad smile. All of the children arrived safely at their homes, thanks to the co-operation and assistance given by the Railway Department and the Police to the escorts who were in charge of the several parties.



It can be said that the organisation of the Camp proceeded practically without a hitch, but nevertheless lessons were learned and these will be applied next year or at future Camps.

The Board is thankful to the Managements, Organisations and other persons who contributed to the success of the Camp and, above all, a special tribute is paid to the staff who cheerfully worked long hours and did not spare themselves to make the function a success. The Board is deeply appreciative of their assistance and loyal co-operation.

A list of the names of the children who attended the Camp appears on another page.

The Aborigines Welfare Board wishes to sincerely thank the undermentioned who contributed to the success of the 1955 Annual Camp and the entertainment of the children :—

Sir Edward Hallstrom (Loan of refrigerators).

The Management, Luna Park (Admission and entertainment).

Tivoli Theatre (Admission for afternoon at the Pantomime).

Taronga Park (Admission).

The Commander, H.M.A.S. "Sydney" (Inspection).

Manly Municipal Council (Admission to surf sheds and loan of costumes).

National Film Council (Loan of projector and screen).

Mr. Harold Stewart, La Perouse (Loan of Public Address System).

The Bahais of Australia and New Zealand (Evening entertainment which included a puppet show by Mrs. Grant and Mr. Austin, and scenic slides of Central Australia displayed by Mr. Reg. Dallimore).

Mr. G. Krause, Headmaster at Palm Island, Queensland (Slides of Palm Island).

The Rev. Father Hope, Christ Church, St. Laurence, and the Knights of St. George (Entertainments of children on the night of departure).

Mrs. Viveash, Bondi Junction (Donation of lollies, fruit and swimming costumes).

The Board also wishes to thank the following who assisted in the transport of the children to and from their homes :—

Rev. Lehman (Broken Hill).

Constable Jorgenson (Broken Hill).

Police Officers at Walgett, Dubbo, Nyngan, Warren and Nevertire.

Thanks are extended also to Miss Toni Jeffrey, daughter of the Supervisor of La Perouse, who assisted from time to time, and the following aboriginal residents of the Reserve who rendered very valuable help :—

Messrs. George Hoffman, Jack Amatto and Bob Simms, Mrs. Henry and Miss Joyce Perry.

Mr. Dudley (Spud) Timbery—who also donated a boomerang brooch to every one of the girls.