

guidance of the Rev. W. A. Clint, Director of Co-operatives for the Australian Board of Missions. As well as the Education Department, which backs the headmaster, and the Aborigines' Board, actively interested in the scheme are the Agriculture and Lands Departments, Junior Farmers' Movement and the Adult Education Department of the University of New England.

The big job is to educate the residents of Cabbage Tree Island and mould them into a suitable frame of mind to ensure the success of the project which envisages the growing of cane, pineapples and many small crops, exploitation of the tourist traffic, a labour pool, a station picture show and a local store.

The Department of Education has acted quickly and there is already a teacher arranged to teach dressmaking to the women-folk. Mr. Clint has been working from top level, and a large tract of land has been set aside.

Mr. M. Praed, Senior Lecturer in Adult Education for the University of New England, is enthusiastic and has organised fortnightly lectures and educational film afternoons at Aboriginal Station, Woodenbong.

If the Cabbage Tree Island project is a success, it is planned to establish co-operatives at Maclean and Yamba, Woodenbong, and at Bellbrook in the Lower North Coast district.

It is very evident to-day that more and more people are interested in promoting improved conditions for aborigines. This is confirmed by the overwhelming success of the conference on aborigines held at the University of New England from May 22 to May 24, 1959.

A similar residential conference on aboriginal problems has been suggested at Lismore this year. Such conferences will sow the seeds of tolerance and understanding.

—By courtesy, *Grafton Examiner*.



Some of the girls who enjoyed the recent National Fitness Camp at Lennox Head

a letter to the editor

The Editor,

I am sorry to see any political material in *Dawn*, even at the request of Mrs. Tucker. Moral Re-Armament and Communism can well be left to fight out their own issues, while we absorb our aborigines, simply as good neighbours, without any catch-cries. The message about equality has been with us for 2,000 years, and is clear enough—it does not have to be viewed through Moral Re-Armament or any other political lens. Humanity and understanding are what is needed for the assimilation of the dark people, and their friends are to be found among people of every walk of life and every political colour.

If anyone has a claim on your pages, it is Mrs. Tucker. But, once published, the "Magna Carta" has the appearance of having your blessing, and the dark people are very dependent on your guidance. It is very much like taking advantage of them to present such a document to a race not politically conscious. I suspect Mrs. Tucker and her negro friend have been taken advantage of through their eagerness to see their peoples integrated with others.

Can't we accomplish the assimilation of aborigines without any question of politics cropping up? A united effort in this direction may make some of us realise that political opinions are often not our own original thought at all, and that in the past we have blindly accepted many things besides a colour bar.

Best wishes to *Dawn*.

Yours faithfully,

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Editor's Note.—

Mr. Gibson's well intentioned letter, has unfortunately missed the point we were trying to convey. Moral Re-Armament is not in any way interested in politics or political creeds, but is aimed at a truly religious and christian revival of the peoples of the earth—people of all colours, class and creed!



Pretty Pam Avery of Urunga