

As Mr. Bristow says: "We feel that the aboriginal problem is one of the most pressing in Australia.

"Unless the people of Australia accept the responsibility of making the aborigines part of their community on the basis of equality, an intolerable situation will continue to exist in a world in which any policy of racial discrimination is becoming more and more unacceptable.

"In the Kempsey area alone, more than 400 aborigines are living in rough shacks—about 10 in each one.

"The shacks are no bigger than the average living room carpet."

The aborigines will not be the only ones to benefit from the council's plans.

Action like this is the best way of restoring the reputation of Australia's youth as a whole—a reputation which so often seems to be based on the crimes of a minority.

A SYMBOL OF UNITY

Mr. Bristow said: "The house in Kempsey is a symbol both of the growing union of Christian churches and of the reaction of some sections of today's youth against a world of tensions and 'cold war' tactics.

"This reaction has caused thinking people to voice the opinion that never in the history of mankind has the youth of the world taken such a worthwhile and important part in the community in which they live."

Pen Friends Wanted (Overseas)

W. E. Hollis, 600 Hunt Street, Marietta 5, Georgia, United States of America, is 29 and works for the U.S. Government. His hobbies are writing and reading and collecting records and cufflinks. Here is a chance for all readers who want a pen friend from America.

Stephen Mokoena, Malvern Bowling Club, Fotheringham Park, Malvern, Johannesburg, South Africa, says he is a handsome and respectable man of 22. He would appreciate receiving letters from girls between 16 and 18 years living in any part of the world. He is interested in boxing. Photo please.

Miss M. Ismail, Bray Hospital, P.O. Kirstonia, via Vryburg Cape Province, South Africa, is a Malay girl of 19 who is interested in hockey, dancing and the cinema. She is anxiously awaiting letters from men and women between 19 and 25 living anywhere in the world.

Miss Nana Pahla, 448 Church Crescent Street, Lynwood, Pretoria, Transvaal, South Africa, is a slender girl or 17 who needs boy and girl friends of any race and any country. She likes writing letters, reading books, going to the cinema and sports and singing. Photo will be appreciated please.

Maurice Matigo, Christ the King High School, P.O. Roma, Basutoland, South Africa, will reply to all letters he receives from girls living in France, U.S.A., Canada, Australia, New Zealand and England who are round about 17 years of age. His interests are general.

Miss M. April, 16 Lion Road, New Bridgton, Oudtshoorn, Cape, South Africa, is 18, and would be pleased to receive letters from men and women between 18 and 20. Her hobbies are singing, reading and the cinema.

D. Rapolai, Eensgevonden School, P/Bag 606, Via Middelburg, Transvaal (20), South Africa, is interested in reading, photography, dancing and letterwriting. Would coloured girls between 16 and 20 living anywhere please write to him.

VOTING RIGHTS FOR ABORIGINES

There has been some discussion in the newspapers lately concerning the voting rights of aborigines at State and Federal elections.

In N.S.W. all aborigines over the age of 21 years are eligible to vote at both State and Federal elections. Voting is compulsory and aborigines are liable to a fine if they fail to vote without reasonable excuse, the same as all other residents of the State.

Voting is a right the aboriginal people of N.S.W. have, and a Certificate of Exemption from the provisions of the Aborigines Protection Act is not required. The right to vote has been available to aborigines in N.S.W. as far as State elections are concerned since 1908.

The Board urges that all aborigines over the age of 21 years permanently residing in N.S.W. exercise this important right at all elections, and thus take their part in the responsibility of electing their Government.

Beach Home For Pensioner

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Boney, of Nambucca Street, Urunga, are offering a home to an elderly woman pensioner. Mr. Boney said, "We have a nice clean home right on the beach and the railway station is only 300 yards away. This is a lovely little town. I have been a railway worker for 16 years and I am seeking a good clean woman pensioner, a non drinker, to keep my wife and son company. Applicants must be aboriginal women."

Anyone interested should write direct to Mr. Boney.