

Australian political history will be made before the end of next year if fullblood Aboriginal Phillip Roberts wins a seat in the Legislative Council of the Northern Territory.

A 43-year-old medical assistant, Roberts recently returned from a tour of Kenya.

Mr. Roberts has stated that many Aborigines in Arnhem electorate had asked him to stand during the last election.

"If they feel the same way this year then I will contest the seat," Roberts said.

The Secretary of the Aboriginal Rights Council (Mr. Davis Daniels) who accompanied Roberts to Kenya, said there was no doubt about Aborigines in Arnhem wanting Mr. Roberts to stand.

Other Aborigines confirm that Roberts would get heavy support. If all eligible Aborigines—over 21—enrol they would have an overwhelming majority in this electorate, which is at present held by Darwin real estate man, Mr. K. Waters.

#### **5s. to £25 a week**

Mr. Roberts, who never earned more than 5s. a week as a stockman and mechanic on cattle stations and missions till he joined the Health Department in 1953, now earns about £25 a week.

The second baby show at the Purfleet Aboriginal Station, near Taree, was a big success.

Mothers from the Station, as well as from outlying districts and from Forster entered the competition making it a community-wide event.

President of the Purfleet C.W.A., Mrs. M. Maher, officially welcomed the guests and visitors to the Station.

The official guests included Mr. L. C. Jordan, M.L.A. and Mrs. Jordan, Mr. W. Martin, the Mayor of Taree, and Mrs. Hickson, President of the Taree Branch of the C.W.A.

Judges of the competition were the Matron of the Manning River District Hospital and Mrs. N. Jurd and Sister Langley.

The Aboriginal children who won prizes were:

*Babies under three months:* Wendy Simon 1; Jennifer Mitchell 2.

*Babies under 12 months:* Tracy Ann Davis 2.

*Under 2 years:* Colleen Ping 1.

*Under 3 years:* Janelle Clarke 1; Tanya Saunders 2.

*Loveliest brown eyes:* Michelle Simon 1.

*Best dressed baby:* Tracy Ann Davis.

*Curliest hair and champion baby:* Colleen Ping.

In the boys' section, prizewinners were:

*Under 12 months:* Dwain Clarke 1, and Bruce Clarke 2.

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## **FULL-BLOOD MAY RUN FOR ELECTION**

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If Mr. Roberts is successful he will be the first fullblood Aboriginal ever to sit in any Australian legislative body. Mr. Roberts has a sound grasp of politics and strong convictions about the needs for improving the lot of his people.

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## **PURFLEET BABY SHOW DRAWS WIDE SUPPORT**

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Prizes won by white babies were:

*2 years and under:* Liza Tupling and Ginny Waters.

*Boys, 2 years and under:* Stephen Perera 1; Rodney Powe 2.

*Boys 3 years and under:* Peter Bates.

The Purfleet Branch of the CWA arranged refreshments for all the guests.