

A.P.A. Debutantes' Ball Great Success



Julianne Webb curtsying gracefully as she is presented to Mr and Mrs Doyle, with beautiful Christine Mercy standing behind her

Photo. by courtesy "Daily Telegraph," Sydney.)

The annual Debutantes' Ball of the Aborigines' Progressive Association was the most exciting feature of the Association's activities this year. The ball, held in the State Ballroom 9th July as part of National Aborigines' Day celebrations, was attended by a cross-section of the community and created great interest among the general public.

Three hundred and fifty people watched as 12 beautiful girls were presented to Mr and Mrs Doyle, who represented the Premier of New South Wales. Matron of Honour was Lorna Beulah, well-known Aboriginal singing star.

Mr H. S. Groves, president of A.P.A., said that the ball was a complete success. Distinguished guests at the ball were Mr W. C. Wentworth, M.H.R., Mr and Mrs H. J. Green, Superintendent of the Aborigines Welfare Board, Mrs Kath Walker, Aboriginal poetess from Queensland, Mr J. Hamilton, representing O.P.A.L. Queensland and Mr Harry Hall, of Walgett.

The State Ballroom was decorated for the occasion by Mrs Butler, social organiser for the A.P.A., and was a credit to her ingenuity.

Isobel to Play for N.S.W.

Isobel Coe of Erambie Aborigine Station, Cowra, has been selected to represent New South Wales in an all-States schoolgirl basketball carnival to be held in Brisbane from 28 August to 8 September.

She is the only Aboriginal girl in the N.S.W. team and one of only three country girls selected.

Last year, while at Cowra Primary School, Isobel won the coveted Yarrabundah Cup for being outstanding athlete of the year in the Western Area of Education (which includes cities like Bathurst and Orange).

This year she is in class 1C at Cowra High School. Before her selection for the State team, Isobel represented the Western Area in the State basketball trials.

