

SYDNEY REPRESENTED AT O.P.A.L.'S BRISBANE CAMP

Four young people left Sydney early in January to be guests of O.P.A.L. (One People of Australia League) at its Annual Aboriginal Holiday Camp. The lucky four are Terese French, Julianne Webb, Lynette Longbottom and Maria Cooley.

Aboriginal and white children from all parts of Australia attended the four-day camp—O.P.A.L.'s sixth, this year held at the Methodist Youth Centre at Margate, near Brisbane. O.P.A.L. believes that children who play happily together, work happily together when they grow up, creating better relationships between people of different racial groups.

The Foundation for Aboriginal Affairs selected a four-girl representative team, and the girls were taken to Brisbane by Redline Coaches. This company donated two seats, and made available two more even though January is the peak of the holiday season. The Foundation paid for one of the seats, and O.P.A.L. for the other. O.P.A.L. offered free accommodation at the camp, but the Foundation paid one girl's accommodation.

The 200 children at the camp played softball, cricket, and football, but swimming was the most favoured activity. Many of the Aboriginal children came from Central Australia, and saw the sea for the first time at the camp.

One of the highlights of the camp was a Saturday night concert. Children joined groups, each group providing one of the concert's items.

The camp was a great success. Julianne Webb said she gained valuable experience in organisation and leadership at the camp.