



Smoke Signals

TIP FOR THE MONTH—Clean white canvas and tennis shoes by lathering with shaving cream. Spread the lather, let it dry, then brush it off.

▶ Two hundred Arunta tribesmen may help an American tomato grower harvest his 500-acre crop in the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area early next year. The crop was to be sown early in October. Last year the grower employed 20 Aruntas, paying them standard rates. Mr A. J. Grassby, M.L.A. for Murrumbidgee, said that the men last year were hard and good workers. Employing the Aruntas ensured there was a pool of reliable labour in the M.I.A. for the harvest.

▶ South Sydney Police Citizens Boys Club is making the weekend three-days-long for a group of Aboriginal boys at La Perouse. Every Monday a bus takes about 20 boys to the Club where they can play table tennis or handball, swing across the vaulting horse, bounce high on the trampoline, watch television, and do many other things. They are even taught woodwork. Mrs E. Easton, of Northbridge, approached and received the support of police superintendent E. E. Mabbutt, who made available the South Sydney club and arranged for the boys to be picked up in the club bus. Boys who show ability are encouraged to join the club in inter-club matches.

▶ Purfleet Aussies Marching Association is unique in Australia: it is all-Aboriginal, as is the organization behind it. Although the team of 14 girls has most of the equipment it needs, it has to raise about \$800 for uniforms. A Taree bank made a donation to start the team's saving account, and help is coming from marching teams throughout

Australia. Donors will receive as an appreciation specially printed certificates illustrated by Purfleet Aboriginal artist Richard Simon.

▶ Richard Simon (above) had a double success at Taree Municipal Council's recent 11th art exhibition. He won a \$20 prize for the best local entry, and sold a painting for \$30 to the exhibition advisor, Mr Alan Hansen, F.R.A.S. Mr Hansen said that Richard Simon's watercolour "Echidna" was original and distinctive.

▶ Baryulgil defeated Woodenbong All Blacks 30-24 in the best grand final ever seen in the Bonalbo League. Played at Mallanganee, the match attracted a record crowd. At full-time the teams were 22-all, and only in the extra time did

Rev. Keith Ewin with captain/coach Snider Mercy, ball-boy Paddy Crane and the Woodenbong Team

