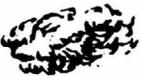


Smoke Signals



TIP FOR THE MONTH: If your sink gets blocked up, throw in a handful of washing soda and wash it down the drain with half a cup of vinegar.

► Gamblers at an English holiday resort came out in front, for a while. An electronically operated machine paid a jackpot each time the local radio-equipped police car passed the machine. Its owner caught on and soon stopped people from using the jackpot-mad machine.

► It seems each month that someone finds an ancient Aboriginal cave better in some way than the one found the month before. A report late in May of a cave found by children in the Christmas holidays claims that the cave is one of the best discoveries of the Aborigines' way of life. Mr Rhys Jones, senior tutor in anthropology at the University of Sydney, said that relics indicated that Aborigines lived in the cave about 8,000 years ago. It is about 30 miles from Burnie, in Tasmania. The ground in the cave has not been disturbed for hundreds of years.

► Dr Malcolm Calley, an anthropologist at the University of Queensland, believes that Aboriginal women could become local leaders of their race. This is because Aboriginal girls stay at school longer than boys.

► The Aboriginal people of Mornington Island, in the Gulf of Carpentaria, have taken a great interest in the America's Cup yachting challenge, to be held in U.S.A. later this year. A tribal leader, Lindsay Roughsey, sent a boomerang to the crew of *Dame Pattie*—the yacht which will represent Australia in the challenge. The specially-marked boomerang was accompanied by an explanation: "This boomerang represents the cloud which is known to us as the gudjbahl. This cloud is driven by a strong wind which comes from the south. . . . Brown hawk eggs drawn on both ends of the boomerang are stones now, and if anyone hits these stones they quickly cause a big wind. . . ." Just the thing for *Dame Pattie* if she is left without a wind.

► Last month in Wales a goat grazed peacefully on a hillside until 148 schoolboys pounded past on a cross-country race. The goat joined in the race, splashed through a pond, crossed a coal tip, jumped two fences, and finished in 103rd place.