

Aborigines. The company is called Yirrkala Business Enterprises. All its shareholders are Aborigines in the Gove area. The company was the idea of Mr Keith Lerner, a missionary who once owned his own bricklaying business in Perth. He persuaded the Gove people to form their own company to make bricks. They started with hand-operated machinery, but now are using the latest Besser machinery from the American Besser Corporation. They are now producing over 10,000 bricks a day. The company has agreed to supply the bricks for houses, schools and a hospital in the new mining town of Nhulunguy, where some 5,000 people will live. To supply other needs of the new town's people, the Aboriginal people at Gove are also developing a laundry, garden produce and a garbage disposal service. These too, are to be all-Aboriginal ventures.

*At right: A member of the Yirrkala community*

*Below: Picture shows the plant of Yirrkala Business Enterprises Company at Gove*

