

LETTERS

Dear Editor,

For many years I have been the recipient of your valued magazine when I was Headmaster of the School for Aborigines on Palm Island off Townsville in North Queensland. I have since retired from teaching and am now living at Redcliffe.

I want to congratulate you on a very informative and interesting publication and am enclosing this picture which you may care to use in a later publication, as the man concerned is of national importance. It is a portrait which I took of Mr Neville T. Bonner, the Senator who replaced Senator Dame Annabelle Rankin.

Mr Bonner is also the State President of the One People of Australia League (OPAL) in Queensland. He is a man who is highly respected for his integrity, his humility and tolerance, as well as his unbiased attitude towards people of a different race or colour. He will no doubt be an acquisition in Parliament and will make history by being the first aborigine whose voice will be heard in any Australian Parliament.

It is natural to expect that he will be most interested in matters pertaining to the welfare of Australian aborigines generally and his contribution to any parliamentary debates concerning aborigines should be most helpful.

Although Mr Bonner is really a New South Wales man by birth, he has spent the greater part of his lifetime in Queensland and this is the state which he will represent in the Senate.

I thought you might like to use this portrait as a front cover illustration for your magazine.

Wishing the magazine *New Dawn* continued success and happy reading to its many readers, both coloured and white alike.

Sincerely,

Fred A. Krause, Redcliffe, Qld.

Dear Editor,

We are two girls, both 18 years of age, who would like to write to male penfriends between the ages of 18 and 24. Our names are Maria Freeman of 269 Albury St, Murrumburrah, N.S.W. 2595 and Judy Johnson, P.O. Box 47, Murrumburrah, N.S.W. 2595. Our hobbies are swimming, men's basketball and football (in fact we are both in a football team!) Would those who write to us please send a photo of themselves?

Maria and Judy.

Dear Editor,

We are two girls who work on a sheep station, 35 miles west of Wagga Wagga. We enjoy reading your magazine very much and would like to know if anyone would like to write to us. We are both aged 20 and one of us is aboriginal and the other is not.

Margaret Cooper and Wendy Boyle, Hill Plain,
Glenoak Mail, Wagga Wagga, N.S.W. 2650.

Dear Editor,

Could you please send me monthly copies of *New Dawn*? This magazine is a pleasure to read and should be distributed to all public schools and high schools as well as Catholic schools. By doing this, the white race of Australia will understand our struggles and in time will be able to understand our problems. There should be more stories, written by our people and lots of photos, as this makes the magazine very popular and interesting.

Rex Marshall, Armidale.

Dear Editor,

I would like an aboriginal girl, aged about 16, the same age as myself, to write to. I am interested in swimming, horse riding and most outdoor activities.

Stephen Ling, Private Bag 23, Kingston, S.E.
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