

Smoke Signals

► TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION'S FIRST FULLBLOOD APPRENTICES:

Two 19-year-old boys have become the first fullblood Aborigines to be employed as apprentices by the Northern Territory Administration. They are Norman Angagela and Jacob Lanses who, having served for the usual three-month probationary period, have been accepted by the Apprentices Board as trainee motor mechanics. Jacob Lanses is from Roper River and Norman Angagela from Maningrida. Each spent 2 years at Darwin's Kormilda College, then another 2 years at Darwin High School before doing a year's study for their apprenticeship course at the Adult Education Centre. They have now begun their four-year apprenticeship at the Transport Branch of the NTA.

► POPULAR AND TALENTED:

Daniella Phillips of Chester Hill is the 7-year-old adopted daughter of Mr and Mrs George Phillips. She is pictured in the adjacent photograph presenting a bouquet of flowers to Mrs E. G. Whitlam, wife of the Leader of the Opposition, at a recent function at Cabramatta Seventh Day Adventist Church where Mrs Whitlam presented an Australian Flag to the Youth. Daniella attends the church's Western Suburbs Primary School at Auburn and is described as a bright pupil with a desire to learn all she can. She is also reputed to possess a beautiful and promising singing voice. In the photo she is accompanied by a young Italian girl, Christine Gherch.

► ASSISTING THE TRANSITION:

At Moree a special club has been formed to teach personal grooming and deportment to Aboriginal and white children of senior primary school age. The organization is the "Crossroads" Club, named to suggest the transition from about ten to teen. It was formed by teachers at St Philomena's School following a conference on the "Role of the Church and Aboriginal Advancement". The club aims to interest young girls in a programme of health and beauty which would be of benefit to them, especially those approaching teenage.

► A CASE OF A WELL-DRESSED DOG:

The accompanying picture is that of 7-year-old Susan Davis posing with her "very best playmate", her dog "Rusty". The photo was submitted by

Susan's grandmother, Mrs Edna Waddell of Belgrave, Victoria. Susan and her father live with Mrs Waddell.



Susan Davies with playmate



Daniella Phillips, assisted by Christine Gherch, presents Mrs Whitlam with a posy of flowers

► COLLARENEBRI'S EMERGENCY FUND:

The people of Collarenebri seem to be having great success with their emergency fund. At the time of writing it stood at \$2,100. In the last 10 months they have given eight mothers \$50 each to take their sick children to Sydney. They have paid \$90 to Tamworth Hospital and the Royal Far West Home, Manly, for crutches and calipers. Recently two mothers of crippled children were given \$20 each to take their children to Sydney for treatment. The fund is run by Aboriginal people from the reserve and all decisions on how the money is spent are made by them. The fund's secretary is Mrs Tom Ryan and its treasurer, Mr Walter Stallworthy.

► THE THOMPSON FAMILY:

The accompanying photos are those of the family of current welterweight boxing champion, Hector Thompson. Hector's parents, Mr and Mrs Lionel Thompson of Nana Glen, are pensioners and the only family in the district to have bought and paid for their own home—without the assistance