



Senator Bonner receiving the marriage documents from the officiating clergyman, Rev. Ballinger. L. to R.: Mrs Bonner, matron of honour, Mrs Alice Stephan, best man Mr Pat Killoran, Senator Bonner and Rev. Ballinger

A UNIQUE AND HISTORIC WEDDING

A wedding of Australiawide interest was solemnized recently on the spacious, grassy lawns of OPAL House at Mt Gravatt, Brisbane. The contracting parties were Mrs Heather Ryan, secretary of the Ipswich Branch of OPAL, and Aboriginal Senator Neville Bonner, Queensland President of OPAL.

Rev. Ballinger officiated and Mr Pat Killoran, Queensland Director of Aboriginal and Islanders Affairs carried out the duties of best man, while

Mrs Alice Stephan was the matron-of-honour for the bride.

A large gathering of more than 200 guests and well-wishers assembled at OPAL House and the traffic was so dense that several policemen were on duty to direct and control it. Among the many people who came to witness this extremely popular wedding were many Aboriginal friends of both the groom and the bride, numerous parliamentary colleagues of Senator Bonner, and a large number