

Institute was one of the first to describe and document the widespread occurrence of malnutrition and growth retardation among Aboriginal children.

▶ ABORIGINAL HOSTELS GETS UNDER WAY

Mr Harry Penrith, 37, a well-known figure in Aboriginal affairs, has been appointed as the Executive Officer of Aboriginal Hostels Ltd. He was the first Aboriginal appointed to the company's staff. Aboriginal Hostels Ltd was formed by the Australian Government in June of last year, to develop and run hostel projects for Aboriginal people throughout Australia. The Board of Directors is chaired by Mr Charles Perkins, Assistant Secretary of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs. Since Mr Penrith's appointment the company has been employing several other Aborigines in project officer and clerical positions, as well as being employed in the managerial side of the hostels themselves. Mr Penrith matriculated from Kempsey High School and recently passed Law 2 Level at the Tasmanian Law School. For

Eight of the students who took part in the careers visit to Broken Hill: Ian Martin (Wilcannia), Shane King (Menindee), Jenny Bates (Broken Hill), Geraldine Williams (Menindee), Kathy Lawson (Wilcannia), Karen Sloan (Menindee), Pam Hampton (Wilcannia), and Dulcie O'Donnell (Wilcannia)



13 years he was employed by the N.S.W. Public Service. He has been involved in the establishment of many projects for Aboriginal advancement, including being the first Treasurer of the Aboriginal and Islander Legal Service in Queensland and vice-president of the Townsville branch of the Service. Aboriginal Hostels Ltd has already purchased properties in Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne and Redfern.

▶ SCHOOL STUDENTS VISIT BROKEN HILL

Twelve third form students from the southwest and western areas of New South Wales recently visited Broken Hill under a careers visit programme organized by the Department of Labour and Aboriginal Secondary Grants. Pictured in the accompanying photo are eight of the students who took part in the visit. Those not appearing in the photo are Josephine McCormack and Noeline Clarke from Ivanhoe, and Wilhomena Thorpe and Pam Mitchell from Wentworth. The programme was similar to that of the fourth form students' visit to Canberra as reported in the December edition of *New Dawn*. During their stay in Broken Hill the students visited the hospital, Water Board, University Extension College, one of the mines, Technical College and other places of interest. It is hoped that this visit will provide a model for similar careers visits by third form students in the future. During their visit the students attended a special barbecue organized by the West Darling Aboriginal Advancement Association.

▶ NORTHERN TERRITORY LAND CLAIM

Pending the final report of the Aboriginal Land Rights Commission, the Australian Government has decided to act in relation to an area of land in Darwin claimed by the Larrakia people. Negotiations have begun with the company Sabrina Holdings to achieve deferment of the use of land for which it currently holds an agricultural lease, until December of this year. In 1971, the Larrakia sought protection from development for the suburban area of Darwin known to them as Kulaluk. The area is situated on vacant Crown land but an adjoining area also claimed is held by the company under an agricultural lease. In 1970, the area was approved for urban development. It is understood that the Larrakia do not press a claim to the area already developed. The company holding the lease has asked the Government to resolve the claim so that development may proceed. The Government has deferred any decision of the land claim until after the presentation of the final report of the Land Rights Commission.