



EVONNE DOES IT AGAIN

Brilliant 13-year-old tennis player, Evonne Goolagong, of Barellan, has done it again.

Evonne (pictured above) has won her eighth successive State title.

Playing at White City with a Gundagai girl Frances Luff, she won the under-15 doubles title.

In the final, they easily beat their opponents 6-1, 6-2.

The day before, Evonne won the under-15 singles title.

Evonne is a student at Barellan High.

She started her "big time" career by winning the N.S.W. under-13 hardcourt singles.

Then other titles fell to her racquet, and it wasn't long before her appearances were drawing big crowds.

New Land Deal In Northern Territory

A Lands Bill, aimed at giving Northern Territory Aborigines community and individual land rights over more than 93,000 square miles, has been presented to the Legislative Council in Darwin.

The Legislative Council Standing Committee on Integration, which has been studying the effects of the full rights granted to Aborigines in the Territory last year, put the plan forward.

The Bill and a report on land rights were tabled in the Council, with a proposition that the Bill be introduced within 12 months if nothing better could be produced.

The Bill aims to—

- divide the huge Aboriginal reserves into provincial areas for financial assistance to Aborigines to develop the areas for homesites, agricultural or pastoral leases.
- provide that the land rental should be one shilling a year for 20 years and leave the way open for increased rentals, depending on improvement valuations.

A report tabled with the proposed Bill explained that "provincial areas would be large holdings, possibly up to 200 square miles, around existing missions or Government settlements, where particular tribal groups occupied the land."

"Regional areas" were all other areas which would be available for leasing for individuals or groups of Aborigines from any areas in the Territory.

The report stated in one part, "existence of reserves without provision for the use and enjoyment of the land in any complete way is anomalous.

"It is no more than a setting aside of land without the grant of any benefit to any Aborigine except the bare right to be upon the land.

"Nomad"

"It emphasises the former view taken of the Aborigine that he was no more than a nomadic hunter and should be permitted to remain as such.

"That this policy on reserves should remain side by side with the enlightened policy expressed in the Social Welfare legislation is, to say the least, incongruous."

The report envisaged town sites planned on provincial and regional areas, with leases available to Aborigines for residential, business and public purposes.