



The Minister for Co-operative Societies, Mr. Landa, addressing some of the school-children on Cabbage Tree Island. Also in the picture are Mr. I. Robinson, M.L.A., and Mr. McCrohon

venture would not be a fiasco; but he also understood that if the principle of self-help were not responsibly accepted in the finance of the co-operative it would quickly degenerate into another hand-out society.

On this point, therefore, he had to be tough and unyielding. "Let me put it quite flatly", he said. "When you come to ask for help from other people the first question they will ask is what you have done to help yourselves." He said to me afterwards that even if that evening's discussion had done no more than drive this point home he would have been satisfied.

Out Front with the Light

As we crossed back over the black, oily river I asked Bob Anderson what he felt about the meeting. As I spoke Rus McCrohon was standing at the front of the launch striking matches so that he could see the landing stage as the launch swung in towards the even darker line of swamp grass and mangroves. "Mr. McCrohon," he said quietly, "is always just a bit out front with the light for us."

Praise for Town Housing by Two Home Owners

Praise for the Aborigines Welfare Board's town housing plan came from two former residents of Box Ridge when they addressed a convention of aborigines at Casino last month.

They were Jim Morgan and Clive Williams who recently moved into houses provided by the Board at Coraki.

According to the *Casino Express*, Mr. Williams said, "It is a wonderful opportunity and we feel so different now. I have not had any bother with my neighbours since we moved in".

He said the people of Coraki had been most co-operative and seemed prepared to accept people from Box Ridge who moved into town.

Mr. Morgan said the first step towards getting a home was to obtain permanent employment. He said he would have the option after two years to purchase the home.

The Board had told him that it would accept the rental paid during the two years as a deposit if he proved to be a good tenant.

Nuffield Foundation Assists Quest for Aboriginal Relics

A woman archaeologist from the University of New England will spend four months in rugged areas of N.S.W. in search of prehistoric aboriginal relics.

She is Miss Isabel McBryde (27), a lecturer in Prehistory, who will try to record and map all ancient aboriginal sites in the State.

The Chairman of the Nuffield Foundation Australian Advisory Committee, Mr. C. Syme, recently announced a £1,500 grant to enable Miss McBryde to carry out the work.

Miss McBryde said in Armidale that she would compare the evidence she found with aboriginal cultures in other parts of Australia and with aspects of Indonesian cultures.

Her search would take her into some rugged bushland on the coast and in the north of the State.

Miss McBryde will have about 10 students and staff from New England University to help with excavations but she will do the surveying for excavation sites.

Most sites are found by local contacts or by looking for likely campsites by the sea or on rivers.