



THE MEANING OF ASSIMILATION

Amongst the general public in Martin Place on National Aborigines' Day was Mrs. Sonja Vanderkley, of South Curl Curl, and her five children.

Mrs. Vanderkley arrived in Australia from Holland eight years ago with her husband and two sons, Nick (now 13) and Rudy (now 9).

She has since adopted three Aboriginal children, Majorie (2), Ruby (4), and Ricky (2½).

Of the three newest members of her family, Mrs. Vanderkley told *Dawn*, "I love them. If I have the opportunity I will adopt another. The more the better.

"They are not Aboriginal children—they are my children."

Our photo (above) shows Mrs. Vanderkley with Majorie and Ruby.
