

## MOVE TO THE CITY

The focal point of the Aboriginal problem has now shifted from the country to the city, says the Deputy Premier and Minister for Education and Science, Mr. C. B. Cutler.

"More and more Aborigines are moving from the country into the cities, and there is an emphatic need for education if we are to ensure that Aboriginal children do not share the fate of their parents", Mr. Cutler said.

He pointed out that the steady influx of these people into the cities was placing ever greater strains on the inadequate housing facilities for Aborigines.

Aborigines were coming in greater numbers to Redfern and La Perouse, due partly to the desire of the Aborigines to be near their own kind.

He said the movement of Aborigines to the cities was bound to continue. It was a natural product of emancipation and increasing population.

"As their standards of living and aspirations go up, Aborigines will come to Sydney in increasing numbers to seek better opportunities", he said.

"To condition them to the process of assimilation, therefore, it is imperative that they be educated, so that they can meet in some degree the competitive demands of civilisation", he added.

"These new city-dwellers will largely shape the part their people play in Australian life—it is vitally important, therefore, that we do everything in our power to help them. Their problem is our problem."

## FOR YOUNG POETS

Here's a chance for the young poets in our communities.

The World Poetry Day Committee and the Australian Council for Child Advancement are seeking poems from young people between the ages of 8 and 18.

The poems will be included in a poetry anthology by children in honour of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Mary Gilmore, August 16, 1865.

"We are anxious to have as many entries as we can from young Aborigines", says one of the organisers, Mrs. M. Kempster.

The anthology will be arranged in three sections—primary, junior and senior secondary.

Chief editor is Dr. Colin Roderick, and entries should be sent c.o. Poetry Anthology, P.O. Box 3325, G.P.O., Sydney, by September 13.

Youngsters who enter poems in the National Aborigines Day observance competitions can also enter them for the anthology.

Mary Cameron, later Mary Gilmore, was born near Goulburn. She was a schoolteacher at Wagga, and later published books of verse and prose. She died on December 3, 1962, at King's Cross, Sydney.

## ANGOURIE MAN'S THANKS

This letter, written by W. (Billo) Laurie, was published in *The Daily Examiner*, Grafton.

Sir.—Speaking on behalf of the Angourie Aborigines, through your paper, we thank all people who have supplied our needs. The furniture they supplied us has made us very comfortable, and we appreciate it all very much.

Also we thank Mr. W. Weiley for the help he has given us and the interest he has taken in us.

Also the Aborigines Welfare Board for the site where the homes are built, which we all like very much.

And also our man, the Rev. S. Gaden, for all the marvellous work he has done for us.

To all the people who have given us so much to make our homes comfortable, we thank and will never forget.

We also thank Mr. and Mrs. Francis Plater for all the help they have given us.

From the Angourie people who now have their new cottages at Pippe Beach, Yamba, we thank you.

W. (Billo) Laurie.  
Yamba.