

for investigating allegations of police discrimination and for developing programmes to allay tension prevalent in Aboriginal communities such as Brisbane, Alice Springs and Redfern. When ministerial responsibility for police in N.S.W. was recently transferred from the Premier to the Minister of Justice, Mr Maddison, he stated that he believed the first steps towards a solution must be discussions between the two groups. In America the solution to antagonism between police and Indians has been sought by the Bureau of Indian Affairs training Indian police through its special Indian Police Academy. The Academy runs an 11-week training programme to which each police department on Indian reservations is invited to send trainees. The training involves basic police work coupled with a police science programme designed to give reservations efficient, enlightened law enforcement. Academic work involves the study of Indian law and treaties. The course takes into the fact that "80 per cent of the work of the Indian police on a reservation is responding to human needs rather than apprehending criminals". In August of this year forty Indian police, including two Indian policewomen, graduated from the academy.

►MUSIC FROM INSIDE

Victor Simms, who is currently serving a 7-year sentence in Parramatta gaol, recently became

Australia's first prisoner to record and release a record while still serving his sentence. The record, which was released in August, was recorded while he was in Bathurst Prison. His style is country-rock and his work has been described as "powerful and sensitive". The 10 tracks on the album include two Aboriginal rights songs, titled *Stranger in my Country* and *Get Back into the Shadows*. The guitar backing on the record was supplied by two of Vic's Aboriginal cellmates at Bathurst, Frank Symon and Beban Walker. Another Aboriginal has also recently had some of his work released on record. The Aborigines Advancement League of Victoria is hoping to raise funds through the sale of Leonard Teale's reading of six poems by Jack Davis. It is believed that this is the first time Aboriginal poetry has been recorded in Australia. The record is being distributed from the league's office in Northcote, Melbourne.

►PENFRIENDS

The four girls pictured on this page are Diane Ryan, Judy Ryan, Shirley Ann Roberts and Maxine Naden of Dubbo. Diane, Judy and Shirley are looking for penfriends among boys aged 18-19. Diane and Judy Ryan live at 28 Spence Street, West Dubbo, N.S.W. 2830. Shirley Ann Roberts' address is 193 Bunglegumbie Road, West Dubbo, N.S.W. 2830.

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