



Three of the students (front) at the Tooologan Vale training farm, Scone: Greg Anderson (N.T.), John Dohlstrom, and Robin Foster (N.T.)



The Griffin family of Gunnedah: back row—Darryl, Alan, Scott and Ron; front row—Brett, Gwen and Boyd (plus cat and dog).

Signals ▶▶

from the Australian Council for the Arts. The grant is to subsidize the publication costs of his autobiography, excerpts from which have recently been published in *New Dawn*. The latest series of grants amounts to about \$256,000, thus bringing to \$550,000 the total of grants made by the Aboriginal Arts Board. The thirty-nine separate grants recently announced cover traditional Aboriginal arts and crafts, the encouragement of Aboriginal theatre, film and literature, and international activities. Mr David Gulpilil, the dancer and actor, received a grant of \$2,355 for the production costs of his first film and research costs of his second. The largest grant of \$46,091 went to the Aboriginal Theatre Foundation in Darwin for a north Australian festival of song and dance. The largest individual grant of \$10,000 went to journalist John Newfong to write a history of black-white relations in Australia, concentrating on the emergence and development of the Aboriginal movement. Another grant of \$6,000 was made for the salary and expenses of Mrs Carole Johnson to continue as an urban arts consultant. Enquiries and applications concerning Aboriginal arts grants should be addressed to: Aboriginal Arts Board, Australian Council for the Arts, P.O. Box 302, North Sydney, N.S.W. 2060 (Tel.: 92 2397).

▶FAMILY PLANNING LIAISON OFFICER

Mrs Myrtille Kinsella has joined the Family Planning Association as Liaison Officer for the Family Social Education Programme (for Aborigines). Mrs Kinsella provides advice and information on family planning matters (including

contraception) to individuals and to Aboriginal communities and their organizations throughout New South Wales. She was formerly a welfare officer with the Foundation for Aboriginal Affairs, Sydney. Part of her new position involves making home visits in co-operation with community health nurses and Aboriginal community health workers, as well as addressing groups, in town and country area. She also works in conjunction with social workers and welfare workers. Mrs Kinsella can be contacted through the Family Planning Association of Australia, 92 City Road, Chippendale, N.S.W. 2008 (Tel.: 699 1038, 3010).

▶PREJUDICE IN SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS

Dr Betty Watts of Queensland University recently drew further attention to the misleading and unfavourable images of Aborigines presented in school textbooks. Many of these books, she said, created misconceptions about Aborigines in the minds of non-Aboriginal children. Many children have their attitudes towards Aborigines shaped by what they read and are taught at school. In the case of Aboriginal children such unfavourable images can destroy their pride and make them anxious to leave school as soon as possible. Dr Watts commented: "Aborigines and part-Aboriginal youngsters have their own culture, their own values, and their own way of life. In education we must recognize these differences". In a speech earlier this year the Minister for Youth and Community Services, Mr R. O. Healey, stressed that: "The teacher of the Aboriginal child must also be the student of the Aboriginal people".