

Dealing with the Darwin conference, the report said that a resolution was passed there recognising "the assistance which can be given by voluntary organisations motivated by a genuine interest in Aboriginal welfare in advancing the policy of assimilation.

"Conference noted that significant contributions can be made by organisations with such objectives as the following:—

- (a) Education assistance including scholarships and the development of pre-school and adult education services;
- (b) Provision of welfare services.
- (c) Sponsoring of holiday camps.
- (d) Promoting the acceptance by the community of Aborigines.

"Such organisations can increase the understanding of Government policy and programmes and can inform the community on what is being done by all agencies working in this field, thus assisting the community to make its judgment on Aboriginal affairs.

"Because of their close personal relationships and contacts with groups of the Aboriginal people they are in a special position to exercise an influence on attitudes to assimilations and the attendant obligations and responsibilities inseparable from the important step which they are being encouraged and assisted by all Governments to take.

"Conference therefore urged organisations associated with Aboriginal advancement to make these important considerations their primary objective and thereby render the fullest assistance in promoting the assimilation policy of all Australian Governments."

The Board's report made special mention of its thanks and appreciation to the various Church groups and philanthropic organisations throughout the State which assisted the Board during the year in providing amenities and housing for Aborigines, and to those bodies that so generously endowed bursaries for outstanding Aboriginal students.

It particularly mentioned a bequest made by the late Mr. E. N. Wright which became available to the Board during the year.

Appointment of Gary

Gary Williams, a former Aborigines Welfare Board bursar, has been appointed tipstaff to Mr. Justice Jacobs, of the N.S.W. Supreme Court in Sydney. A tipstaff is the personal court officer to a judge.

Gary came from Nambucca Heads and was educated at Macksville and St. John's College, Woodlawn.

