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ASSIMILATION ACTIVITIES

of Migrants of WACON CENTRE.

5145

25th May, 1953.

MEMORANDUM:

The Director,
Migrant Holding Centre,
WACOL. Q'ld.

Films depicting the Royal Family and
Coronation

I refer to your memorandum A-18-3 of 27th March, 1953, in which you enquired if films depicting the Royal Family and Coronation could be made available by the National Library in Canberra.

According to the advice received from the Film Division of the National Library, films suitable for your purpose will be sent to the "Migration circuit" at the beginning of next month and will be shown first at Migrant Centres in Brisbane.

(T.H.E. Heyes)
SECRETARY.

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21 MAY 1953

~~① Mr. H. G. Murphy Noted
To see R. Malley.~~

② Mr. Nelkin. Received
20/5/53.
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 QUEENSLAND

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Secretary,
Department of Immigration,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

Assimilation Activities
Your Reference 112/1/19

Herewith brief report on assimilation activities for the month of April, 1953.

Residents entertained at Garden Party in Ipswich by the Ipswich Branch of the New Settlers League.

Women and children in National Costume acted as collectors in Brisbane for Legacy on their Button Day Appeal and a goodly sum was collected for this worthy cause.

Townsville branch of the New Settlers League entertained a number of Residents at Morning Tea and Musical Programme in the Canberra Hotel, Brisbane.

Representative from the Centre attended a meeting of the Empire Youth Sunday Committee, with a view to participating in Youth Sunday celebrations.

Mrs. Porter of Yeronga invited 3 women for lunch.

G. L. Macnamara
 (G. L. MACNAMARA)
RELIEVING DIRECTOR.

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IN REPLY, PLEASE QUOTE

NO. A-18-3



J. Gregson



27th March, 1953.

29 APR 1953
1 MAY 1953

Secretary,
Department of Immigration,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

ASSIMILATION ACTIVITIES

Reference is made to your 112/1/19 dated the 13th March, 1953, relative to the above subject.

Assimilation activities for the period to the end of June 1952, were covered in a previous report. The following brief resume has been prepared in monthly form as from the month of July, 1952.

JULY.

Residents entertained by Y.W.C.A.

Afternoon Tea Party & Film on North Queensland by Methodist Womens Guild.

Boy Scouts entertained by Brisbane Radio Station (Radio Armchair).

Centre women entertained at lunch by Mrs. Porter.

Guest speaker to New Settlers League meeting at Ipswich.

Ipswich Trefoil Guild entertained twenty women at luncheon.

Afternoon Tea Party for Centre women by Salvation Army.

Concert Party entertained at Scouts Hall, Darra.

Afternoon Tea Party at Botanic Gardens by Presbyterian Womens Guild.

AUGUST.

The Royal National Exhibition was held during the month of August and residents from this Centre arranged a very colourful display of Arts & Crafts. This Exhibition proved to be one of the major attractions at the Show and was viewed by some 150,000 persons, among whom were many prominent personalities.

The judges awarded the display the First Order of Merit.

Community Fair at the City Hall attended by thirty women from the Centre.

Concert Party to Oxley Methodist Womens Guild.

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27th March, 1953.

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A Brisbane Radio Station staged a Concert at Wacol in which residents participated.

Y.W.C.A. presidents "At Home" morning tea. Ten women from the Centre.

SEPTEMBER

Visit from Mr. Keith Smith with the A.B.C. programme "Happy to Know You".

Guest speaker to New Settlers League, Ipswich.

Presbyterian Womens Union afternoon Tea Party.

Arts & Crafts display at Ipswich arranged by Centre residents.

Arts & Crafts display, Dinner, and International Concert arranged in conjunction with New Settlers League convention in Brisbane. This was voted by all who attended as an outstanding success. Approximately 200 visitors attended the Open Air Concert.

OCTOBER.

Centre residents entertained by Mrs. Mason at lunch.

Twenty women and children entertained by Womens Historical Committee at Afternoon Tea.

Children's Party arranged by Trans Australia Airlines. Visit to Aerodrome, inspection of Aircraft and Afternoon Party.

Twenty women entertained at lunch by Mrs. Munro.

NOVEMBER.

International evening at City Hall, National dances from Wacol.

Congregational Womens Union entertained Centre residents at Afternoon Tea Party.

National Council of Women entertained Centre residents at Afternoon Tea.

Parents of Wacol Scouts attended breaking up Party of Scouts and Cubs at Darra.

DECEMBER.

Fifty children entertained at Children's Picnic at Ipswich by New Settlers League.

Afternoon Tea Party by Albert Street Methodist Ladies Guild.

Mrs. Porter guests for lunch.

27th March, 1953.

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JANUARY.

At the conclusion of the year, the National Council of Women go into recess for three months and activities are more or less confined to the children who are home from school on holidays. The co-operation of the National Fitness Council was again welcomed and a full programme was enjoyed for three weeks. During these three weeks, Officers from the National Fitness Council, together with Centre helpers, entertained the children at sport, films, Punch & Judy shows and visits to the South Coast beaches. Some 150 children enjoyed day outings at the South Coast. Centre children also enjoyed a period away at holiday camps, a resume of which is the subject of a separate report.

FEBRUARY.

Again activities during this month were mainly confined to children at home on holidays.

MARCH.

During this month the Concert Party is being re-organized and plans for the coming year are well in hand.

On the 27th March, fifteen children and five adults in National Costume will help in a street collection for the Red Cross Society.

On Saturday the 28th March, 150 children will be entertained by the Royal Automobile Club of Queensland at their Annual Picnic.

Plans are in hand for the Coronation Day Celebrations and contact has been made with the Committee recently formed in Brisbane for this purpose.

It was felt that films depicting the Royal Family and the significance of the Coronation would be welcomed by Migrants generally and enquiries have been made with local film companies as regards suitable films. To date, however, no such films are available and it is thought that films may be available at the Film Library at Canberra. Your advice as to the availability of suitable films would be appreciated.

Whilst the foregoing is a record of the major attractions, there have been numerous occasions when residents of this Centre were invited to the homes of Old Australians, thus creating the good neighbour feeling which is so desirable.

In accordance with your request, future reports will be forwarded monthly.

W. C. Laufer
(W. C. LAUFER)
DIRECTOR

Mr Wallace
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Adrian
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DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION

IMMIGRATION CENTRE

WACOL EAST..... 5th June, 1951.

m^r Armstrong

Secretary,
Department of Immigration,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.



Assimilation activities

During the month of May New Australians resident in this Centre have done quite a lot to bridge the gap between New and Old Australians as is indicated from the following resume of activities:-

Food for Britain Appeal

Approximately thirty women and children dressed in National costume gave their services to the "Food for Britain Appeal" in the capacity of Badge Sellers in the City of Brisbane on May 4th 1951; with the result that this fund was increased by over £60.

The Appeal Committee members personally expressed their appreciation of what they termed a particularly fine effort and later publicised the effort in a written appeal under the sponsorship of Sir Ian Fraser C.B.E., M.P. (copy attached).

Queensland Country Traders

A representative gathering of Queensland Country Traders (approx. 350 persons) were entertained by New Australians from this Centre on the occasion of their annual Dinner at Rowes Cafe in Brisbane on May 21st 1951. Guests at this dinner were from all parts of Queensland, therefore this gesture by New Australians would receive widespread publicity.

Army Concert

The First Field Squadron (R.A.E.), a permanent Army Unit stationed at Wacol next received attention. On this occasion members of the Centre Concert Party, by way of music, song and dance, entertained about 150 personnel. Major Marsden, in voicing the appreciation of the officers and men under his command, pointed out that apart from the excellent entertainment value of such a function, it had greater value in the fact that it revealed that New Australians were prepared to go to any length to become friends of Old Australians. A copy of the programme presented is forwarded herewith.

Empire Day Concert

The party played by New Australians at this concert was the subject of a separate memorandum.

Q.C.W.A. Concert

Perhaps the Concert Party's greatest triumph was on Wednesday night, May 30th, when they presented a variety programme in Albert Hall, Brisbane, to 400 delegates to the Annual Conference of the Queensland Country Women's Association. Almost every country centre was represented and it is almost certain that when the delegates report back to their own organisations they will have a kindly word for New Australians who provided a happy interlude in their deliberations at conference.

The State President of the Association and the writer also took the opportunity of addressing the conference on Assimilation and no doubt as a result members of the Country Women's Association

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*Mr Hugh Murphy to see p. 1/2
Seen on 2. 20/1/51*

will redouble their efforts to assist newcomers to become good Australians.

Queensland Blind, Deaf and Dumb Institute

A direct approach was made to the residents for contributions to the Queensland Blind, Deaf and Dumb Institute and in all a sum of £31. 2. 5¹/₂. was donated.

As a result of the publicity given to these activities, offers of assistance in the assimilation programme are being received from organisations not affiliated with the National Council of Women or the New Settlers League.



(F. J. MARTIN)
DIRECTOR

A Special Appeal

in conjunction with forthcoming (May 24th)

Empire Day Commemorations

on behalf of

The "British Legion Meat for Britain Appeal"



sponsored by

Sir Ian Fraser, C.B.E., M.P.

President of the BRITISH LEGION, Blind member of the House of Commons, who despite this serious disability, caused through War Service, is regarded as one of Britain's leading Empire Statesmen. He solicits your kind consideration for this urgent appeal.

Sir/Madam,

During the past few months it has been possible firstly through donations from Church Schools in the metropolitan and some country centres, and secondly, by a street collection with assistance mainly of migrants from Wacol Camp, to send several shipments of tinned meats to the British Legions Headquarters, per medium of the Commonwealth Gift Centre (Ministry of Food) London, for distribution under the personal supervision of Sir Ian Fraser to necessitous cases of ex-servicemen and women and the aged folk of Britain, suffering from serious protein deficiency from meat shortage over a very long period.

Shipping space is arranged from this port of Brisbane, and freightage charge is paid by the Ministry of Food at the London end for all goods so consigned.

Will you help, by your personal donation, this truly worthy and urgent Appeal, under the personal supervision of Archbishop Halse, to continue consignments of this urgent meat for Britain as long as the need is so great.

This practical gesture of loyalty to Britain is solicited now in conjunction with your Empire Day remembrances ; so send your donation please to help us carry on the work.

The Secretary,

"British Legion Meat for Britain Appeal,"

Church House,

Ann Street,

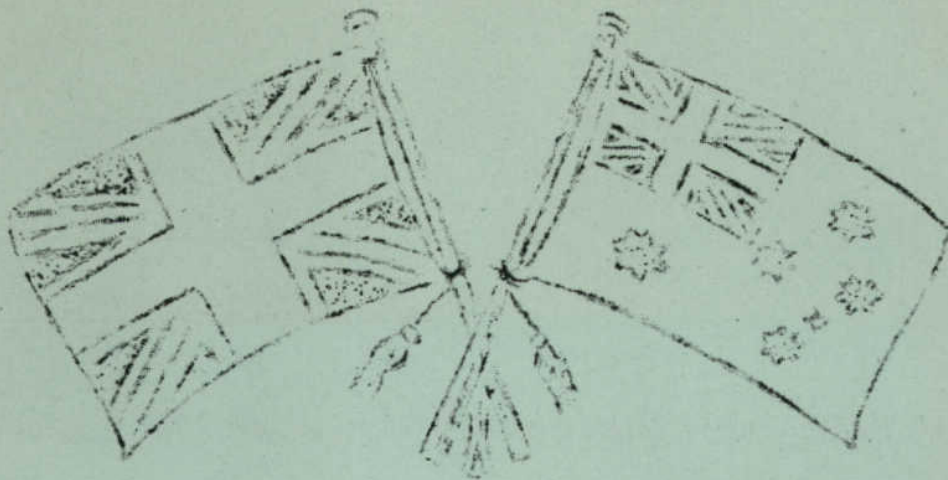
Brisbane.

Yours faithfully,

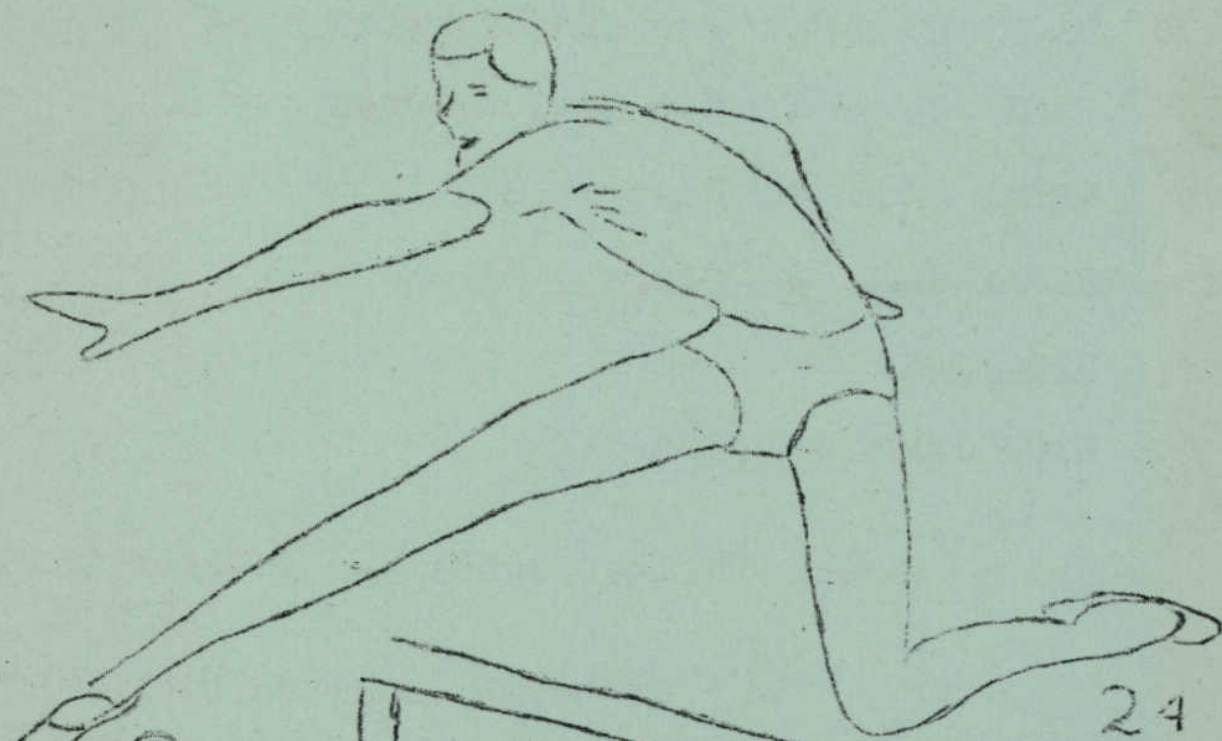
MONA G. FITZ-GERALD,

Organiser

Church House,
Ann Street, Brisbane,
May, 1951



EMPIRE DAY 1951
COMMONWEALTH JUBILEE YEAR



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W.S. COLE

P R O G R A M M E

March of all children from School to Sports Ground

"Advance Australia Fair" - Raising of Flags - Salute by Children

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| 1. | RACE 25 yds. | for Girls under 6 years | 13. | TRICYCLE RACES | - Boys under 5 years |
| 2. | RACE 25 yds. | for Boys under 6 years | 14. | TRICYCLE RACES | - Girls under 5 years |
| 3. | RACE 40 yds. | for Girls 6 years to 10 years | 15. | TRICYCLE RACES | - Boys over 5 years |
| 4. | RACE 60 yds. | for Boys 6 years to 10 years | 16. | TRICYCLE RACES | - Girls over 5 years |
| 5. | RACE 60 yds. | for Girls 10 years and over | 17. | BROAD JUMP | - Boys |
| 6. | RACE 100 yds. | for Boys 10 years and over | 18. | BROAD JUMP | - Girls |
| 7. | RACE 25 yds. | for Kindergarten Boys | 19. | WEIGHT THROWING | - Girls |
| 8. | RACE 25 yds. | for Kindergarten Girls | 20. | WEIGHT THROWING | - Boys |
| 9. | RELAY RACE | - Boys | 21. | DISCUS THROWING | - Boys |
| 10. | RELAY RACE | - Girls | 22. | DISCUS THROWING | - Girls |
| 11. | HIGH JUMP | - Boys | 23. | BUFFOON RACE | - Boys |
| 12. | HIGH JUMP | - Girls | 24. | TUG OF WAR | - Boys |

and Pillow Fights - Walking the Hanging Rail - Throwing at the wicket etc.

At 3p.m. Address by the RT. HON. JOS. FRANCIS - MINISTER FOR THE ARMY -
Presentation of Jubilee Medals- Books and Prizes

ICE CREAM - FRUIT - SWEETS

1951

EMPIRE DAY MESSAGE

from the Rt. Hon.

The Earl of Gowrie.

V.C., P.C., G.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O. President

TO THE YOUTH OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

To each of you I send this message at a time when you must hear and see many things which may sadden you.

It is true that the peace in which you had hoped to grow up has not yet come about nor can we be sure when this will be. But it is also true that many of you, the young people of the British Commonwealth and Empire are, through your friendships, learning the great truth that distance and a different way of life need not divide you.

Take courage, be brave and remember that you are met together this day with the children of many races, to celebrate Empire Day and our common brotherhood.

EMPIRE DAY, 1951.

GOWRIE.



May 10th 51

NEW AUSTRALIENS
Present

1. Polish Dance (Krakowiak) Miss. I. Oweryn
Miss. L. Szymanowska
2. Sailors Dance Miss L. Maslow
Miss N. Reichert
Miss J. Voskresensky
3. National Latvian Dance (2)
4. Fisherman by Maierber Mrs. Maslow
5. Ukrainian Dance (Gopek) with
string orchestra directed by Miss L. Maslow
Miss N. Reichert
Miss J. Voskresensky
6. Balalaika Orchestra (Polka
Korobochka) Mr. J. Voskresensky
Mr. Pawlaczuk
Mr. Scharapow
Mrs. Scharapow
Mrs. Maslow
7. "Oh Sole Mio" by Mr. Pinter
8. Hungarian Dance Korhecz Family
9. "Polka" Ballet Miss N. Reichert

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| 10. Kapri Fisher | Mrs. Soharapow |
| 11. Polish Folks Songs - Accordion | Mr. Suchowietzki |
| 12. Russian Dance (Kalinka) | Miss L. Maslow
Miss. N. Reichert
Miss J. Voskresensky |
| 13. Tango "Down the Mexican ay" | Mr. Pinter |
| 14. Latvian Dance | |
| 15. Tap Dance | Miss Reichert |
| 16. "Mama" | Mr. Pinter |
| 17. Polish Folks Songs, accordion | Mr. Suchowietzki |
| 18. Gypsy Dance | Miss Maslow
Miss Reichert
Miss Voskresensky |