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NATIONAL PROJECT ON UNEMPLOYMENT AND ABORIGINES

Unemployed Aborigines in Victoria will soon be putting their experiences and views on unemployment on the national record. 'It's important that these experiences and the problems Aborigines face in the cities and in the country are recorded for the future,' says Ms Trish Jones, the Victorian team leader for the major national oral history project called The Cultural Context of Unemployment in the 1980s. The \$1.3 m project is funded under the Australian Government's Community Employment Program and is administered by the National Library of Australia.

More than fifty people in five different States will eventually be employed on the year-long project, gaining valuable experience in office work and in interviewing techniques. The five teams are taping the experiences of unemployed people in Sydney (Indo-Chinese refugees); Perth (school-leavers); Brisbane (rural unemployment); Casino (unemployed women); and, soon, in Melbourne, where Ms Jones' team will be mainly staffed by Aborigines.

Trish Jones said that the two main aims are to give the unemployed a chance to speak out, and to create an archive in the National Library for writers and scholars to use in the future. The team will be recording how unemployed Aborigines cope with a little money and lots of time; what they think about the present, and how they see the future.

The experiences of Aborigines in the Melbourne metropolitan area will be followed up

by interviews with Aborigines in Bendigo, Shepparton, Mildura, Lake Condah (near Warrnambool), and at Bairnsdale and nearby Lake Tyers.

Trish Jones is an Aboriginal, born at Beagle Bay, in North-western Australia. Until recently, she was a Senior Research Officer with the Federal Government's Miller Review into Aboriginal employment training programs and their effectiveness. She was previously a Senior Vocational Officer with the Department of Employment and Industrial Relations, working with remote communities in the Northern Territory.

In 1981, she received an Aboriginal Overseas Study Award and travelled to Kenya and Zimbabwe. More recently, she was awarded a scholarship by the government of Israel to study industrial relations, co-operatives and community projects. She has deferred taking up this scholarship until her part in the national oral history project is complete, in about a year's time.

The White Mouse

The delightful Nancy Wake was the guest of honour at a luncheon at Sydney's Journalists' Club on 22 October. As well as being in praise of Nancy herself, the occasion was to celebrate the success of Nancy's recently published book, *The White Mouse*, which according to a recent report from Dymock's was No. 2 seller in their hard-cover non-fiction section.

Nancy Wake delighted the audience with her frank, down-to-earth manner and entertaining reminiscences, all given with the greatest of warmth and sincerity.

The book looks like a thoroughly 'good read' and will no doubt be greatly in demand by library users.

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