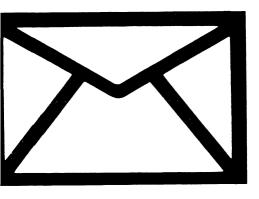
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\boriginal history privatised

ibrarians who placed advance orders for the boriginal history Survival in our own Land ver twelve months ago wonder why they ave not received their copies. The answer is nat the book has become a political prisoner. boriginal people believe it is part of the long ractised policy of suppression of their voice. The book, initiated in 1983 by the South ustralian Jubilee 150 Board Aboriginal executive Committee, was sponsored as an fficial Sesquicentenary project. It aimed to ell the story of the 150 years in 'South Austraa' since Goonyas (Europeans) invaded the and, from the Nunga (Aboriginal) point of

It was to have been published by the Vakefield Press, set up by the SA Government or Sesquicentenary publishing. But it became casualty in the Jubilee stampede.

Many books were competing for limited esources of professional expertise. The Aboriginal history was moved from the Griffin Press to allow the two Flinders histories a etter 1986 publication chance. It was sent to smaller printer where computer problems nave caused considerable delays.

Many people hoped the Government would ee the wisdom of supporting the Wakefield Press for a couple of years until it could pecome self-sufficient. South Australia has no najor publisher since Rigby was relocated. If Wakefield Press had been given the opportunity to develop in lieu of a University press, it vould have been an enterprise of lasting ıational value.

However the Government took the short erm view and chose to sell off the Wakefield Press. Without consulting or even informing he Aboriginal people involved, Survival in our own Land was put in a grab bag up for ender, although the Jubilee Board Executive Director recommended that this book should go to the Government Printer.

It was handed over despite Aboriginal proests as part of a package deal for the bargain pasement price of \$17,500 to the Adelaide

This is the very book which should never nave been privatised. More than 100 Aborigines gave their stories freely as a sesture towards increased tolerance and petter understanding in the belief that the Government would recognise and honour heir contribution. They are distressed that he book which is morally theirs has been sold off, and angered at the Government's crass nsensitivity.

After the first print run of 2000 is sold, the rights go to this non-Aboriginal commercial nterest which did nothing to help the book ome into being. It has also failed to give proper production supervision, so that the ook still faces big problems.

Contributors are still seeking justice. Some

feel that their only recourse is to withdraw their material. That is understandable. But it would be tragic. The book would disintegrate and all Australians would be the losers. Indeed 'White Australia has a black history'.

> Christobel Mattingley Editor/researcher

Selection by dartboard II

Julian Woods' incomprehensible letter (InCite, 21.8.87) bears no relation to my piece (InCite, 22.5.87) although it pretends to be a response. In the interests of accuracy I invite readers to compare the two.

Mr Woods may make his requisition selections by dartboard but the idea, like the image, is his. My letter said nothing about monograph selection policy. It made two simple points regarding an imbalance in periodical holdings in 'two excellent local libraries', Ryde and Moonee Ponds: (1) that a major Australian quarterly such as Island was more relevant than the Yale Review and the Dalhousie Review (which Ryde has) and (2) that in difficult times a major Australian quarterly becomes even more important. Perhaps Mr Woods should read more carefully, show more respect for language, and learn to discriminate between book and periodical acquisitions in future.

Dr Stephen Alomes

INDUSTRIAL **NEWS**

APS Librarians Restructure

The Commonwealth Department of Industrial Relations has agreed in principle to the introduction of a Librarian Class 5 category for librarians working in the Commonwealth

Librarians Class 5 will 'under broad policy guidance, plan, develop and co-ordinate significant library and/or library-based information services or functions and be responsible on a line, functional or advisory basis for the management of a wide range of associated operations and programs requiring major ongoing integration and for the efficiency and effectiveness of those operations and programs'.

 $\bar{\text{A}}$ salary of \$41,950 - \$43,250 has been suggested for Librarian Class 5.

The librarians group of the Professional Officers Association has indicated acceptance of the proposed pay scale and the draft work level standard for the Librarian Class 5 position.

Issues relating to the librarian 1,2,3 & 4 classifications are to be discussed in the future

National Review of Local Government Labour Markets

The National Review of Local Government Labour Markets has released its second discussion paper on 'Portability of Superannuation'.

The paper canvasses ways of improving the portability of superannuation for employees within local government, particularly for portability of superannuation for local government employees who move to a municipality in another state or to and from other public sector agencies. Copies of the paper are available on request from Louise Lansley at LAA Head Office (02) 692 9233 or (008) 221 481.

Louise Lansley

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- Reference Experience
- Reference Services and Distance Education
- Impact of Technology on Reference Services

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