Smoke Signals

• TIP FOR THE MONTH Smoke stains can be removed from ceilings by washing them with sugar of soap—obtainable from paint and hardware stores. The ceiling may not need an after-treatment painting.

• Murray Jabangadi and Teddy Jabalojari, tribal Aborigines from north-west Australia, came to Sydney in August and built a spinifex hut among contemporary houses at the Homes Exhibition organised by the "Daily Telegraph". Sydneysiders were much impressed by the low-cost dwelling but thought it was lacking in labour-saving devices. Labour-saving devices allow you to do more work so that you can save more money to buy more labour-saving devices—and that's about the most vicious vicious circle there is.

• Trangie Branch of the Country Womens' Association will establish a scholarship for an Aboriginal child. The scholarship will be awarded by the end of the year and will be used in 1966.

• The 50-year-old church on the Box Ridge Aboriginal Reserve near Coraki soon will be replaced by a new church. The new church is being built by voluntary labour. Most of the materials have been donated and money has been raised through the sale of clothing made by the Aboriginal people on the Reserve. Work on the church is being supervised by Mr and Mrs Cyril Smith, associate workers with the United Aborigines Mission. The new church will be much larger than the present building and will have a special Sunday school room.

• Children at Burnt Bridge school have been given good advice by Mrs Mary Duroux, president of the Burnt Bridge Parents’ and Citizens’ Association. Mrs Duroux urged children to study hard to escape the bondage of ignorance. She said: 'Learn your lessons and learn them well, and when you turn 14 or 15, don't think it's time to leave school and go to work.'

• 'The only work you'll do with that education is dig ditches and drains or do a bit of picking. Stay at school and do the Leaving and you can have your pick of jobs.'

• Establishment of a pre-school kindergarten at Three Ways Reserve was the highlight of the year, according to the annual report of the Griffith Aborigines Advancement Organisation. The Organisation has decided to set up two sub-committees to investigate ways to improve childrens' education and school transport. New president of the Organisation is Mr Les Bromfield, who succeeds Dr J. Loveday.

• A select committee of the Northern Territory Legislative Council has recommended that a commission be established to investigate alleged profiteering in Aboriginal bark paintings. The Committee recommended that laws be passed to ensure that the artists receive an adequate share of the retailers' prices, and that an Aboriginal art and craft marketing authority should be established to encourage high standards, orderly marketing and a maximum return to the artist.