Parliamentary Select Committee Gets Under Way

The Parliamentary Select Committee to inquire into Aborigines welfare, an election promise of the Liberal-Country Party, fulfilled by the Committee's appointment and first meeting in December, has as its chairman Mr G. R. Crawford.

The Joint Committee members are: representing the Legislative Assembly, Mr Crawford, Mr Doyle, Mr Earl, Mr Healey, Mr Cahill; representing the Legislative Council, the Hon. Evelyn Barron, The Hon. R. A. A. F. de Bryon-Faes, the Hon. E. L. Sommerlad, the Hon. E. G. Wright.

The Committee will investigate the education of Aborigines and their housing, and measures necessary to assist Aborigines to attain improved living standards.

Members of the Aborigines Welfare Board, and other people, will give information to the Committee when it meets again in February.

Detailed reports of the Committee’s findings will be made public when it concludes its investigations.

Aboriginal Soldier Will Go to Vietnam

Private Robert Stanley, 19, off to Vietnam soon, spent a week early in December with his parents, brothers and sisters at their home in Moree.

His mother, Mrs Alex Stanley, wished he would stay with her, and did not like the idea of his going to war in Vietnam.

Robert was cheerful about the prospect and said “It has to be done”. He is the seventh of eight children and spent most of his leave quietly with relatives and friends.

He is stationed at Enoggera, Brisbane, and will sail for Vietnam early in 1966. Robert joined the Army after leaving Moree High School in 1963.

Mr and Mrs Levin Retire

People in many parts of the State will be sorry to hear of the retirement in December of Mr and Mrs E. Levin, who have been with the Aborigines Welfare Board since 1955.

Their first position with the Board was at Moree, as assistant manager and matron. Later they were appointed manager and matron at Tabulam before being transferred to Cowra and then Woodenbong.

Mr and Mrs Levin were conscientious workers, and many Aborigines will remember with gratitude the care Mrs Levin (who was a trained nurse) gave to sick people.

Mr Levin was known for his fairness in dealing with Aboriginal people; he acted without favouring one above another, and without regard for criticism of actions he believed to be right.

The Levins will spend their retirement on the north coast of New South Wales.