FOUNDATION MOVES HOUSE—

The familiar sight of the Foundation for Aboriginal Affairs will soon disappear from its old location at the lower end of George Street, Sydney. The building has been sold so the organization can take up residence at a new site in Regent Street. The move was prompted by the lack of facilities at the George Street site. The new building is much larger and will include a licensed club, to be managed by Tom Williams. Doug Scott, who formerly managed the Foundation’s artifacts shop, will continue as manager of the Foundation at the new premises.

LAND FUND TO BE ESTABLISHED—

The Commonwealth Government is to establish an Aboriginal Land Fund to buy or acquire land outside reserves for Aboriginal communities. Legislation to establish the Fund is at the moment being drafted. The Fund would enable communities to obtain land for economic or social purposes. The land will not be acquired by the Government. Rather the scheme will make funds available to the communities so that title to the land will be vested in them. The Fund will be empowered to distribute about 5 million dollars per year to communities wishing to purchase lands.

3,000-MILE TREK TO CITY—

The group of children pictured on this page got their first glimpse of Sydney when they came from Katherine in the Territory for their Christmas holidays. They travelled 3,000 miles by bus to get to the city. They all came from camps around Katherine, about 220 miles south of Darwin. It took them four days to cover the journey. They spent their fortnight stay in Sydney at the homes of five families.

From Katherine: Edna Arnold, 12; Eunice Woods, 15; Lim Manbull, 15; Susan Blumby, 15; Larry Welsh, 12; and Michael Raymond, 11 (Photo courtesy “The Daily Telegraph”)