ASSIMILATION OF ABORIGINES

HUMAN FAILURE OF LAKE TYERS EXPERIMENT

Once again, as so often in the past, the problem and embarrassment of Lake Tyers Aboriginal Station is agitating hearts and minds in the community.

BY STUART SAYERS, who visited Lake Tyers Aboriginal Station this week.

Lake Tyers, Aboriginal Station, an environment that cannot be described as desirable or humane. Steeped in hopelessness, where all the riverside camps of the river and heath are hulks which are far from being the country towns throughout Victoria.

And it is this problem of bad circumstances and the oaths of the past which we must now seek to drag down those among whom have managed to rise above their environment. Helping those on pay days to take as right of blood relationship, a share of the earnings of any of the fellows who have managed to gain and hold.

This painting of its blackest, is the worst side of the picture.

Only a minority of the aborigines are doing well, and the masses are falling in the open, lost in the novel.

FINDING the novel and some dark hearted nedders who infect them, is all too easy.

And finding them is only the beginning, for we have to condemn them as easily as we condemn the crime. The social-economic environment, which have combined.

State, a class apart, an unprivileged, uneducated, avaricious, without hope.

Stating the problem is simply, finding solutions, which is no easy task.

THE Government view, based solidly on the finding of Mr. C. B. Stacey of Chief Stipendiary Magistrate who carried out an official inquiry into the aborigines question, 1956-57, that aborigines must be assimilated, not kept apart, but assimilated, however vociferously.

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On a sunny day, and from the high eminence where the station stands, and from the little cluster of cottages in which the station is located, the administrative buildings, the station's administrative buildings, the station's administrative buildings, peaceful and contentment.

Of its kind, the accommodation offered at Lake Tyers, a more primitive type, is most primitive, and the habitations are almost certainly the same as those found in the Lake Tyers, a more primitive type, is most primitive, and the habitations are almost certainly the same as those found in the Lake Tyers.