

## **FAMILY TO ADOPT ABORIGINAL GIRL AS SINGER**

The Minister for the Interior (Mr. Johnson) announced yesterday that arrangements are being made for a Melbourne family to adopt Betty Fisher, the 17-year-old aboriginal singer.

Betty polled 7794 votes in a commercial radio amateur hour in 1946, but, because she was at a Methodist Mission station in the Northern Territory and had no relatives elsewhere, she was not allowed to leave the station to take up singing commercially.

She has been offered a position to sing for £25 a week.

Mr. Johnson said that her future, as a singer, would depend on the decision of the Melbourne family and the Commonwealth Director of Native Affairs.

A Darwin business man was bringing the girl to Melbourne, believing that he can find a family to adopt the girl, but any such family will have to satisfy the Director of Native Affairs that they could keep, educate and care for her.