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THE JUDGEMENT ON FREDDIE

On the 26/11/76 in the Supreme Court of Northern Australia, Judge Forster summed up in the matter of Freddie, an aboriginal boy for whom an application for adoption was made by an American couple presently living in Australia. The Judge explains the reason why the application failed.

A COMMENT ON FREDDIE

Neville Turner the Senior Lecturer in Law at Monash University concludes that the court found in the best interests of Freddie.

PERSPECTIVES ON ASSESSMENT OF ADOPTION

This paper reports the response of six couples who were interviewed following adoption assessment.

THE PROBLEM OF JUDGEMENT IN ADOPTION SOCIAL WORK

Diana Close looks at some existing practices in adoption social works, and believes that some practices are "inadequate, unjust, and diametrically opposed to acknowledged professional ethics and values".

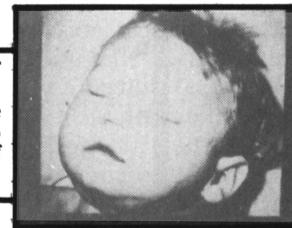


LAYING DOWN THE LAW

Richard Chisolm begins a new feature in the journal — one of his intentions is to help demythologise the law and to open discussion on some contemporary issue.

REPORT ON CHILD MALTREATMENT WORKSHOP

Rae Mathews — Pediatrician, makes a report on the recently completed Child Maltreatment Workshop and includes some criticisms regarding the lack of services available.



Extracts of interest from Molly Dyer's recent trip to Canada and U.S.A. are included — Molly Dyer is the Secretary of the Aboriginal Legal Service.

Mrs Sheila Bignell replies to the Judge Emmerson article on the history of Child Welfare in Victoria published in the March Journal.



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