

## **COWBOYS BEAT JET PLANES & A-BOMBS**

This might be the age of the jet plane, the atom bomb, and the flying saucer, but again in this Christmas toy departments of the big city stores were overwhelmed by requests for the old-fashioned cowboy rig out, writes our Brisbane correspondent.

There are few suburban streets in Brisbane that haven't got their full quota of cowboy-hatted, cap-gun toting sheriffs and outlaws, apparently, the junior cowpuncher, thanks to Hollywood and Hop-along Cassidy, is with us for all time. Youth leaders have advanced various schemes to get "old" Australian and "new" Australian kids together. In one suburban street on Christmas Day there were Italian, Czech, Balt, and English "New Australians" and a couple of "old" Australian youngsters with one common tie—a cowboy outfit and snapping cap guns. It is a pity Australia hasn't a film industry to glamorise her bad men. Perhaps if we had, we would see a street full of Ned Kelly and Thunderbolt outfits.