

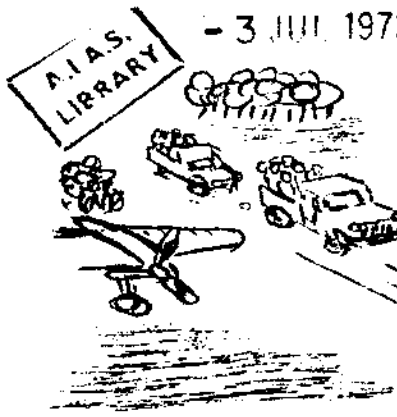
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TWO TEAMS TALK OF THIER TRAVELS

On Good Friday we all assembled at the Scout Hall eagerly awaiting the Heron which was to take us to Milingimbi to play Basketball and Football. It was good to see ^{high}everybody whose names were down for the trip were present. Never have we seen so many people with vehicles willing to help. So ^{to}all those people a big thank you. Another pleasing part, that all members travelling were very well dressed and on arrival at Milingimbi it was remarked upon. Well done men!

On our arrival at Milingimbi more vehicles were waiting to take us from the airstrip to the Mission. James met us and told us the story. It was very well organised. The people who were billeting the men were also waiting and immediately took them to their camps. Roger and myself were shown our donga for the night and the Superintendent, Ray (the Football man of Milingimbi) and head teacher Hove were there waiting. By the time the second aircraft had arrived everything was in hand. After a very good lunch the truck arrived and gave us a tour of the Mission and the Island. At this time of the year ^{it's}a very pretty place. We saw the gardens, banana plantation, and paw-paw trees. And a herd of very fat cattle were grazing peacefully on the well grassed flats. On returning to the Mission it was back to bussiness and the men went far a training run. The airstrip was a little hard on the feet of our men but they came through all right.

That night will never be forgotten by Trevor and myself. I was sitting back in my donga enjoying a very cool drink and Trevor comes in and says "Wanna go to camp for corroboree and talk, and we wont, very different from Maningrida. We sat at the camp and two groups of men started playing Boos (didjeridoo) and sticks. We looked around for men to start dancing but no, the women danced and if you have not seen it you would not believe it. They take turns to dance in groups and they all keep perfect time with the music. Even the piccannies dance, age about 5-8 and a good job they do too. It is very impressive to see and the friendly atmosphere around the whole camp is just too good. Even when it rained the hospitality was still there, "come to our house till it stops". Then we started home through the camp to our donga and everybody we passed said happily "good night". The next day was sport from 7.30 a.m. till 10.30 a.m. and you will read about it from our roving reporters Mr Pink and Mr King. We arrived back at Maningrida, very tired, a little bit beaten, but with very good opinions of Milingimbi and well satisfied in our own mind that the trip was well worth while and that both Milingimbi and Maningrida were very satisfied, that a trip such as this, can only be carried out with a proper team spirit and that everybody both players and supporters got behind and help in any way possible.

In closing I must say that Maningrida people had a very good representative in the person of Mr Tom Ibarra (Council President). Not only did he stay with the Maningrida men but also mixed and spoke with the Milingimbi people very well. It was remarked upon not only by the Aboriginals but also the Mission men (Balendas) from there. Thanks Tom for a good job. In passing I think a record has been set, we took 30 men from here for two days and 30 men return. How's that?

Frank Smith

MANINGRIDA PLAYS MILINGIMBI IN THRILLER

In a match of varying fortune Maningrida was defeated by Milingimbi 26/36.

From the jump ball our boys were a little put off by the new court and surroundings. Milingimbi sensing this, potted about 5 baskets from right under the hoop, this was made harder for our fellows when they realized that these baskets came from a man at least 5 inches taller than our tallest man, he was the man to block out.

In the meantime we had many many shots and only a very small number, 2, scoring.

The position at half-time looked grim, score, 4 to 20.

Some quick words from a couple of people saw lots of action in the second half. The boys went wild and potted basket after basket, but the big man from Gimbi kept their score up with some classy rebounds, despite our new lease of life it was not enough to catch the lead. Second half scores were 22/16 to us, thus making the final score 26/36. Look out Gimbi next time.

R.P.

Terry Darwin won the best and fairest prize given by Mr Barry Tuite.

Milingimbi 13-13 91 points defeated Maningrida 9-4 58 points

Owing to a shuffle, re-shuffle and shuffle again, of departure time from Milingimbi, the playing time was reduced to 2 x 25 mins, first half and 2 x 15 mins, second half. In the wet, muddy conditions, Maningrida held their own well to be only 2 goals 3 behind at half-time. George (2), Terry Darwin (2), Jimmy and Jacky (1) were the goal scorers first half. 10 mins, into the second half, Maningrida were only 4 points behind, thanks to three good goals by Michael Stewart, Jimmy Cooper and James Mason. But Milingimbi finished too strongly and added another 4-5. Too good this time Milingimbi: what about next? Make it soon.

Basketball at Home.

Draw for Week 2 Round 2
Tuesday 20th April 1971

Entrance Island v Cape Stewart
Dolphins v Arnholm

Thursday 22nd April 1971

Eagles v Blyth River
Chalkies v Cadell River

It looks like Cadell and Blyth River are the teams to put your money on for the grand finals. In a thrilling game they played a 28 all draw again last night. They did the same thing in the first round. Cadell looked set for the big win, with their smooth new blue uniforms but just could not get around the good defence of Lucky and Jimmy, who were able to keep Cadell's Big Billy out from his scoring position, but as the game progressed and opened out both teams played speed basketball and many quick baskets evened up the score for both teams - Definitely the teams to watch!

Eagles were just able to hold off a united Chalkies effort 46 to 41. This was some of the better games for Chalkies and one would even think them to be at long odds after last night's effort. Some really good long shots were potted by James and Jacky of Eagles - this was good to see as so many teams got all points from under the basket.

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"Out to Sea" and "Up the Creek"

ALL AT SEA:

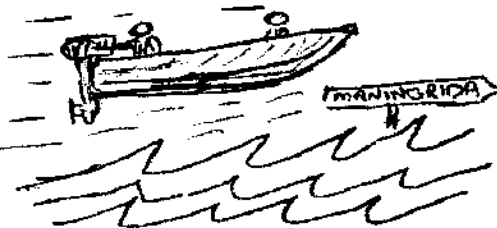
Those well known nautical types, Messrs. Brady and Carey, spent the Easter period in forcing a passage to Mountnorris Bay. Equipped with the latest in outboard gear and a ton of confidence they set out from Maningrida at about 3.00AM on Good Friday morning. Navigating over these long distances is a problem, but not to our wily mariners, of course - their fiendishly effective device - turn left on leaving the Liverpool and then just keep the land on the left.

All went well until at dawn they passed by Goulburn Mission - twice. They countered this by splicing the main-brace, again (would you believe it?) This simple ploy did the trick and soon they found themselves, decks awash. (Curse those periods) Pressing on into the gathering dusk - wait, you ask, what happened to the last 12 hours? I don't know - ask them. Pressing on into the gathering dusk they at last made land-fall, to be greeted by a cheering throng, clad in gaily patterned sarongs, and waving oil concession applications. Wait a minute, folks, don't go jumping to conclusions - it was actually a wildcatters convention at Mandorah. Pausing only to refuel, our heroes, well loaded, hurtled off in a shower of spray and spume, only momentarily disconcerted to find, five hours later, that they had left their boat behind.



Stop!!!! This is getting out of hand - the last vestiges of credibility is all shot to pieces as they say. Let's get serious.

After a fairly rough trip around the coast they reached the Forestry landing at Mountnorris Bay at about 4 PM where they were met by Rob Prussian, who is stationed at Murganella. Eddy was impressed by Murganella, where he and Allan spent the weekend. He says that it is a beautiful location and the Forestry men (about 5) working there have a first class camp with accommodation much like the single flats at Maningrida. There is not much moving around to be done this time of year, of course, but there is an airstrip and the charter comes in once per week with supplies. In the dry season the men do the same sort of Forestry work that we know here - timber stand improvement, making roads and firebreaks, etc. There is a good road to Oenpelli, across the Murganella plains, and he says that it would be an easy journey to get to Murganella from Maningrida by vehicle, in the Dry of course. The road passes through areas that Oenpelli is developing for its cattle and buffalo project.



The return journey to Maningrida took place on Easter Monday, smooth sailing fortunately, so Allan was able to make full use of his powerful outboard for a speedy trip.

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J.H.

UP THE CREEK:

In a Good Friday foray the fisheries mob, with ballast in the form of that celebrated bar-ticket seller, the Superintendent, managed to propel a dinghy further up the Liverpool than anyone in recently recorded history. The River was well up, and running strongly; there was little difficulty in reaching the motor car crossing on the Liverpool. Unbelievers will note a sign affixed there when next they take their Toyotas in that direction. Not content with this the intrepid explorers pushed on, still water-borne, (except when hung up on the tops of pandanus palms), for a further 3 miles (yes?). The river channel is very deep here and it was only a series of paper bark trees, hanging over the river,

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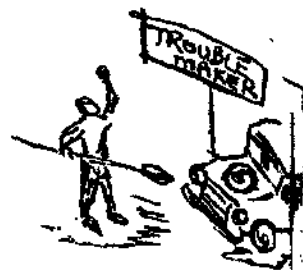
A JINANG COMPANY.

We 3 men working on our own contract job here in Maningrida. There we are doing bark paintings and selling to the Maningrida Progress Association and catching fish with fishing lines and with fish spears and then selling to the Fishing Company and some to the camps. These men are J. Miritji, D. Gundinga, P. Bandjuljul. We earn money from barks painting and catching some fish.



Our goose truck is a trouble maker, always have trouble with flat battery and have also flat generator. We are going to send money for new generator very soon and it would cost us about \$60.00 or more perhaps and the freight.

We are thinking about our forefathers tribal boundaries somewhere in middle of Arnhemland, and that we want to leave Maningrida very soon, perhaps dry season in this year, and will be able to make the artist station there. Every dry season time we would sell the artifacts to the Maningrida Progress Association, but when the wet season come we would stay there till dry season come again.



We are banking for new truck to be got in this year. We named the bank account "Truck Fund Account". Now we have in bank the sum of \$34.29. We decided to bank this last couple of weeks ago.

We are also building our stringy bark shelter for tools and bark paintings to keep safe from getting wet, and it does not look very good, but we kept our tools safe.

Again our goose truck has no key to start it. Last couple of months two young boys took lots of passengers to Navy Landing and had a flat battery. So they left the truck there standing by itself at the beach. It was nearly sinking down when the high tide came, but luckily the Superintendent sent the settlement tractor and it was pulled out. Now we have no key, they lost it there, but we made ourselves a fly wire key. See example.

People of Milinginbi and Nangalala came to a meeting at Maningrida village council about the country problem. Some are visitors, too.

This is because we are afraid for Arnhemland. They think that balanda men, the white men, are going to take over this land for timber cutting, marking cattle areas, making fishing industry, planning mining companies and market garden planting and many other things in the future. But remember that you can't grow apples here in North Australia; this is because this land has bad soil to grow the apples. There is warm, sunny, cloudy, hot, windy, rainy and dry land.

J. Miritji.

Forestry

Three fire officers will be here from Wednesday to Friday of next week.

A Chief fire officer - Department of Works,
Fire officers - Forestry.

They will train men to fight fires in buildings and particularly at the sawmill.

Government Store

Householders who have recently been allotted new furniture are asked to put the old furniture outside to be picked up on Wednesday next (weather permitting).

Where overhead fans have been installed, people are asked to put out surplus fans for return to the store.

Anzac Day

April 25th falls on Sunday this year, but the holiday will be observed on Monday. Arrangements for the dawn service will be printed in next week's issue.

Cont. Up the Creek.

which impeded further progress. Both John Carpenter and Bill Yirinyin earned their frogmen's flippers by making unpremeditated underwater inspections of the hull. John Carpenter must be the only man in Australia who can fall out of a boat and climb back in again, all in the same motion, and without getting wet.

The return journey was a real roller coaster, sweeping along on a 6 knot current. That master of all things, Bill Yirinyin, managed to con the careering craft past the obstacles with consummate skill.

On the way back he also managed to capture two small crocodiles, alive, a remarkable feat under the circumstances. These have been duly added to the Fisheries' "croc farm".



On Wednesday last, Maningrida received a visit from the Minister of the Interior, Mr. Ralph Hunt. He was accompanied by Mr. Hugh Payne and Mr. Ballard, both from Canberra. The visitors inspected the School, Fisheries, Progress Association projects, and saw-mill before going on to Elcho Island. Mr. Hunt expressed a great deal of interest in all that he saw and kept the questions coming thick and fast. The Territory member, Mr. Sam Calder, was also present in the party and remarked that he had seen good progress since his last visit.

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J.H.

FROM THE NEWSPAPERS.

Yirrkala Land Fight.

The Aboriginal people at Yirrkala say that they want their land back off the white men, who are there to dig minerals. Everybody went to Court in Darwin and told their stories to the judge. The judge has been thinking about these stories and soon he will tell what who he thinks should own the land.

South African Cricket trouble.

South Africa is sending a cricket team to play in Australia. The Government in South Africa is all white and it will not let white and black people live together or play together. So no black or half caste people are in the cricket team. Many people think that this is bad and some of them want Australia to stop playing sports with South Africa until it changes its laws about black people.

Fun at Bagot.

Free dances are being held at Bagot in Darwin. There is balanda dancing first, then a concert with singing, didjeridoo playing and Aboriginal dancing. The dances are held by the Aboriginal Development Foundation.

D.G.

Parents and Friends.

Monthly meeting at the school
7p.m. next Monday 19-4-71.

Stingray Story.



On Saturday a party of 23 children, six men and eight women went to Rocky Point for a picnic. They caught a very big sting ray. There was enough meat in it for everyone.

Jimmy Gulerawuna.

"Killer Whale" Some men saw a whale spouting water as it went, moving between Entrance Island and the mouth of the Gudjerana.

WEEKEND DUTIES: Duty Officer: Mr Barry Tuite.
Duty Sister : Sister Ena Pickersgill
Nightwatchman: Mr Jack John.

STAR THEATRE: Friday: "Tomahine" starring Nancy Kwan
Saturday: "Candy Web"

CHURCH: First Sunday after Easter.
9.30 a.m. Sunday Schools "Christ the winner".
7.30 p.m. Evening Service.
Thursday 7.30 p.m. Fellowship

In the old days the Hebrew people used to meet to worship God on Saturday - the seventh day of the week. The Jewish people still do.

The first Christians began to meet for worship on the first day of the week - Sunday. They remembered that Jesus rose from the dead on that on that day. Every Sunday is a reminder of the Resurrection of Jesus.

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DEATH Barney Jajarrbun on Sunday April 11th - husband of Betty Buwulanya, Mary Wanguridba and Mary Dadbalag. Father of 16 children. Aged - an old Pensioner.



← His dreaming.

RAINFALL

8 points last Fri. 32 pts on Mon-Wed. of this week.
Rain on 3 days

PEOPLE Sister Helen had quite a day to finish her work in the Hospital on Sunday. Two suspected broken elbows Larry Wipa (football injury but home again now) and Ada who fell from the parallel bars. Sister Helen believes that there must be many more broken bones in Maningrida than in most other places. Then at full moon the old man Barney was brought in very sick and died soon after.

Mr Dick Nagabui has gone to visit his brothers and sister at Goulburn Island. Mr Harry Mulumbuk proposes to visit Elcho and talk to some "big men" there.

Mr Dennis and Mrs Gerry Schapal and baby were out for the long holiday weekend and stayed with Barry and Jenny Tuite.

The Mac Arthur River plane brought Miss June Grey the book-keeper at M.R. to spend Easter with Mr and Mrs Jim Mussig and the pilot Mr Case Kaboord stayed with Mr and Mrs Dan Pollard.

During this week Lumpy (Gandaidja) was worrying for his brother, and gave himself such deep sorry cuts that the sisters had a hard job to stop the bleeding.

Over Easter three 'young men' were made. Early on Saturday morning Peter Bilidjidi (Gunwinggu), then in the afternoon Peter Windiyara (Gungore gone) with Doctor Bilinyara doing the operation and on Sunday morning in the Jinang camp, Kenny Smith.

The Wardi Gras last Thursday afternoon made about \$500 for the Parents and Friends.

Bob and Heather Cross are now in Central Australia, watching the sun rise on Ayers Rock. We expect to see them sometime in the middle of next week.

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