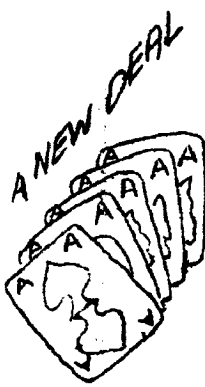


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MANINGRIDA MIRAGE



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COUNCIL MEETING - 25/9/72

Present: 7 Councillors and 1 visitor.

Law: President said that it seemed that people wanted to keep their present way of life; they were opposed to change.

The Council and the people: Councillor John said that some councillors felt the same way. They were preoccupied with some problems such as country and drinking. President said he could appreciate the way that people felt about the land and their sacred things but they had to look to the future as well. Cr. Balaiya agreed; people had to make a living and look to the future, and the welfare of their families. Where would the money come from to run the ceremonies, otherwise?

Road: Superintendent suggested grading the road to Kupanga; the people at Kupanga might assist with this.

Litter: Cr. Riala complained about too much litter at the picnic places on the beaches, etc. He said that people who go fishing, especially balandas, should bury their empty beer bottles, etc.

Girls: Cr. Riala proposed that picnic parties should be segregated. Boys in one party, girls in another. This should preclude the possibility of monkey business. Last time his nephew had got into trouble because of false accusations. The Secretary said that he thought the whole family should go on picnics, as a group. This was the best way.

Rubbish: Superintendent complained about littering in the camp; too many cans, papers, etc. lying around.

Night Duty: Cr. Yirinyin complained that the school buildings were being ruined by trespassers; he wanted Councillors to help him with night duty to patrol the area.

Cards: Superintendent said that the matter of gambling was not one which could be debated further. It was against the law and it was the policemen's duty to keep the law. President said he would talk at the Happy Club and pass this on.

Jobs: Cr. Riala said that people should not stay away from their jobs because of cards. He asked the Superintendent and President to inspect the area to check up on who was staying away from their jobs, and why. If a man was absent they should enquire whether he was sick or not. President said we will try to do this but there are a lot of other jobs to do, too.

Meeting closed 7.00pm.
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PRODUCTION ON THE BLYTH

When Rhys Jones came into town on Wednesday he carried a few artifacts and things from the Kupanga people; Margaret Ganjaipa and Mary Mananalla sent in some baskets and good mats. Rhys also brought in some of the shell fish called "diamor" - the one Harry Mulumbuk sings about. They sold out in record time.

BAMYILI WEEKEND

Football: The football on Saturday morning was most unimpressive. A hard, dry, grassless ground no doubt helped the disappointing display. Maningrida enjoyed an unenthusiastic run-away victory. The selections for this game were Ray Nulla, Larry Weipa and Jimmy Cooper.

A bright prospect - football can only get better this season.

Basketball: At long last Maningrida picked its BEST team to play against the visitors. Men from different tribes played. Maybe this was because the selectors this year are Tim Darcy (Nakara), Jacky Pascoe (Jinang) and Lucky Balarka (Burera).

Our team was: Tim Darcy, Jacky Pascoe, Larry Weipa, Jim Walbaraka, Lucky Balarka, Charlie Brown, Raymond Carter, Ray Nulla, Dudley Cooper and Michael Stewart. What a line up!

With the big crowds on Saturday and Sunday, Maningrida turned it on to win 48-40 and 56-41. Bamyili B team won 40-32 on Sunday.

Top Scorers: Tim Darcy (M) 24 goals
Charlie Brown (M) 12 goals
Talbert (B) 19 goals
Brian (B) 7 goals.

We say thanks to Bamyili.

NOTICE: The Maningrida Sports Club will hold a meeting next Thursday night the 3rd October at 7.30pm at the school.

T. King for M.S.C. Committee

BASKETBALL

Boys Night Game Basketball on Tuesday 26 September.

Jumbulowa 30 d Nakara 22
Burada 64 d Gumurrgurra 54

Next weeks Semi final - Nakara Gumurrgurra Burada Jumbulowa
15 pts 13 pts 11 pts 11 pts

1st Game 7.00 Burada vs Jumbulowa
8.00 Gumurrgurra vs Nakara

Thursday night - 7.00 Winner of (B v J) plays loser (G v N)

Grand Final the next Tuesday night.

Toby & Ted.

FROM BAPA IN DARWIN

Maggie who fell over the cliffs at Fannie Bay late last year is almost mended. She is still in hospital and her usually frail figure is now almost fat - after all these months on hospital tucker.

Peter Chainsaw is recovering from burns to the side of his chest and underneath his left arm. There was an accident during oxy-welding at Croker.

David Galiwiri who lives in Darwin these days is thinking about marrying a Walbiri girl.

Baluka (one time teaching assistant at school) has hitch-hiked to Melbourne and back and now has his eye set upon a walkabout in Europe.

ROY ORBISON went to Kormilda College and Helen Gorila had her picture in the paper talking to him. When Roy Orbison went to the Gardens to sing the biggest crowd ever went to see him - more than 6000 people.

GOLBURN ISLAND TELLS THEM

Mr Chaney, Mr Giese and many other important people went to Goulburn Island. They were going to give Winunguj his medal (M.B.E.) which has been given to him by the Queen. But the Goulburn people were angry because they say the Government has not listened to them when they asked for mining land. So they went away into the bush to make the important balandas see that they were angry. When Mr Chaney and the others came, there were only 4 adults and 9 children left out of all the Aboriginal people.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOC.

At the Association's meeting on Monday evening the usual business of accounts and payments was carried out. Mr Pink went through the catalogue of 16MM and drew up films for the next two months with suggested dates. We will make the submissions a regular practice because during the last month 16MM were very considerate and gave us exactly what we wanted, in fact such arrangements seem to be much more convenient to all concerned. The rest of the meeting was taken up with arrangements for the fete.



The fete will be held on the 20th October (3 weeks today) and it will be in the School grounds, commencing at 5.00pm and going through to the movies (on as usual) No need to worry about your dinner- we have it all there waiting for you. Most of all don't forget your money.

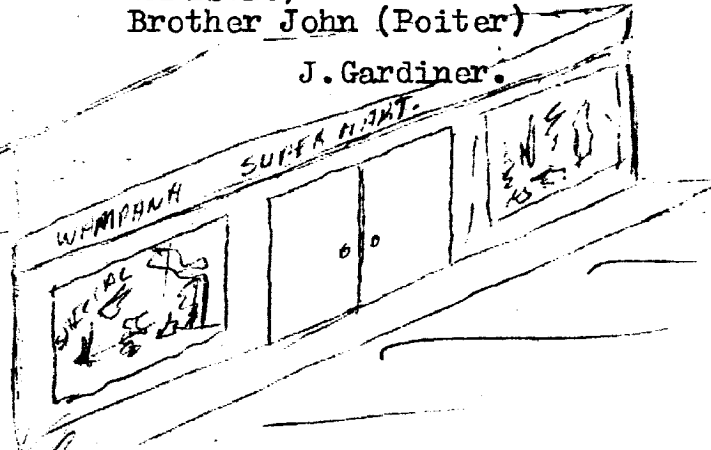
Responsibility allocated for the fete duties are given below. You may note that there is still a volunteer needed. You are asked to see these people should you be able to offer any suggestions or help.

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| T.King | Cigarette Stall | Miss Newman | Lucky Dips |
| B.Stutchbury's | Class Hoopla | R.Pink | Tucker |
| D.Gillespie | Chocolate Wheel | S.Armstrong | Cakes etc. |
| "A Volunteer" | White Elephant Stall. | | |
| D.Hassal | Have your photo taken | "instantly" | |

As usual, good second-hand clothing needed, as well as books, cakes and other miscellaneous items of "you name it" and a truck will come around to every house on the Settlement during the weekend of 14th and 15th October (2 weeks time) to collect from each householder whatever offers. Please start hoarding.

- The Movies order for the next two months is as follows:-
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| The Legend of Custer. | John and Mary. |
| Flaming Star (Elvis) | Mash, (very good says Bob Stutchbury) |
| They Call Me Trinity. | Abbott and Costello. |
| The Comancheros. | Meet the Keystone Cops. |
| Young Cassidy (Taylor and Christie) | Creatures the world forgot. |
| Van Ryans Express. | Tora Tora Tora (Pearl Harbour) |
| A Man For All Seasons. | Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. |
| (Thomas Moore Vs King Henry) | Mc Cabe and Mrs Miller (Julie Christie) |
| Planet of the Apes. | Brother John (Poiter) |

FROM
THE
BUILDERS



A Queensland paper reports that the Wampana Progress Association of Hooker Creek are to get a new Supermarket and a Panel Built Package Home for the Manager. The Cost of the buildings is \$76,100 and the contract was won by the Bundaberg Firm of Piteresen Bros. The Progress Association is going to provide semi-trailers to move all the materials from Bundaberg 2,500 miles to Hooker Creek, it is anticipated it will take 5 trips.

At Maningrida last weekend saw the finish of the four metal homes, hurrah what a relief, a couple of months ago we never thought we would see the end of them. What a jig-saw it seemed to be, and some of the parts being left in Sydney didn't help matters but with a few hot phone calls to the jet city and a lot of swearing and cursing Greg and I battled on under handicaps.

Never the less all are completed now and the last to take up

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4 residence is Mr Silas Roberts, who is due to move in sometime this week.

Construction is well under way on 3-two bedroom Brick homes and 3-three bedroom Timber houses on the Air Strip Road, hoping these to be completed by the end of March 1973.

Rod Seymour
Maningrida Housing.

LIFE AT PORT KEATS

Port Keats, about 260 miles south-west of Darwin is more or less typical of these missions. By normal standards—a small town, with a population of 800 men, women and children, all of the Murinbata tribe (except for the two priests, three brothers, six sisters and 15 lay missionaries who live and work with them). But by any standards—a flourishing town. With Government assistance the brothers and local boys have built neat brick houses, shops, schools, hospital, post office, Town Hall... all in the past 5-6 years. The townspeople are employed in all the works of the town, the sawmill, the brick-works, the cattle industry, and in the shopping centre. They play much the same sports, attend much the same entertainments, and have the same cares as you and I. Most of them go to Church on Sundays.

The Challenge.

The mission's role is educational in the fullest sense, academically, culturally, spiritually. The priests, brothers, and sisters have their hands more than full with all the problems of a growing parish, now 95 per cent Catholic. In fact, the aims of missionary work and education are very close: the missionary is successful when he has worked himself out of a job. When the supermarket, the bakery, the brick works... have become native co-operatives; when locals themselves can assume responsibility for the continuing education of their own people and when the Church is sufficiently established to solve its own problems, write its own liturgy, and above all supply its own ministers

The Men.

M.S.C. personnel at Port Keats are Fathers John Leary and John Flynn, and Brothers Rex Pye (mission manager), Ron Lilwall (a mechanic) and Terry Fallon (a builder and foreman of works)

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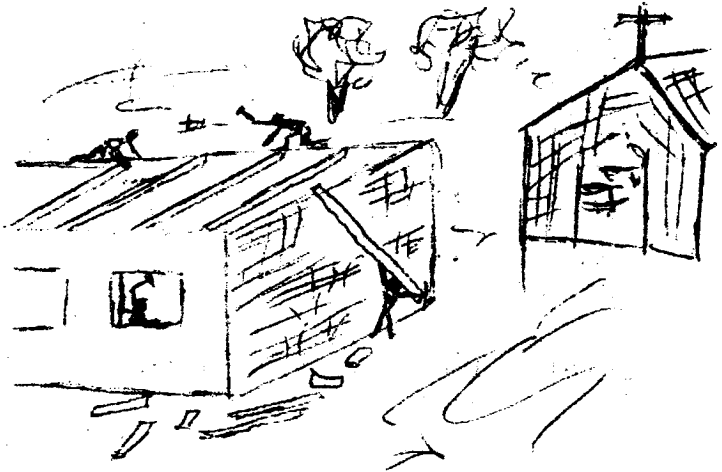
ABORIGINAL DEVELOPMENT

AS I SEE IT....

The two sons of my father's younger brother came to Maningrida from Bamyili recently for the dancing festival. One returned to Bamyili leaving the other here, staying in my house.

During his stay, my cousin and I have discussed interesting things, such as the possibility of leaving Maningrida and supporting ourselves by selling artifacts. We would live in the Gadji area known as Bunyanbarday, where there is a supply of spring water. The soil there appears suitable for growing peanuts, bananas, pawpaws, pumpkins, carrots, onions, beans and many other plants including some which Aboriginal people have always collected as food.

I explained to my cousin that my truck cannot travel long distances. I also explained that many Aboriginal people come from all parts



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of Arnhem Land to tell me about how they are going to settle in their own areas and develop them. I don't believe them because they don't have enough money to develop their own countries. I think they must just continually travel from place to place. They don't even work.

The same obstacle, namely lack of money, prevents me developing my country. I would need tools and I don't have enough people to make a workable community. I would not want to be the leader of a group of people who must obey me but I would like to work with the others as brothers, each of us would tell the others what should be done.

Two of my half-brothers, one of my half-sisters and one of my tribal sister's nephews came from Nangalala last Friday to visit the Jinang and Wulaki people here and explain what they are doing in their own country. They are being taught by the European missionaries from Milingimbi how to grow food, build houses and fences for a cattle station, mark the areas of timber suitable for the sawmill, make fish traps, build roads and do many other things.

At Maningrida the Europeans employed by the Welfare Branch are teaching Aboriginal people similar things. Both groups of Aboriginal people find it hard to learn these things though the Nangalala people say it is easier for them. However Maningrida has the advantage of having daily requirements available from the Store and Hospital.

When I have completed my book and am working at a new interesting occupation I will think again about moving to my country. I would need some financial help in order to buy tools, as well as advice from Welfare people. I would rather not form a company but would prefer to manage the venture by myself with just my family's assistance. My cousin would bring his wife and family back from Bamyili to Maningrida.

Some of my countrymen are returning to Nangalala in either Johny Mayara or Dick Smith's truck. Aborigines all over Arnhem Land are moving or thinking about moving. Some think the problems involved are easy, others feel they are difficult. According to my view the situation is worrying.

Jack Minnitji.

FROM THE CAMPUS

We welcome our new preschool teacher Jan Cooke. Jan has been teaching in the community preschools in Darwin 2½ years. Her husband Peter will take up a job with Forestry when he completes a holiday in his home country side in Queensland. Peter is a journalist by profession and for the past 2½ years he has been a sub editor with the N.T. News. Might be a job for him on the Mirage.

Still with us at present is Ted Robertson, Inspector of Schools Darwin Area. Ted is carrying out the annual inspection of the school.

Today and tomorrow Dan Gillespie, Rita Djitimu and 16 children depart for a musical caravan through the district. They will visit Warrabri, Papunya, Yundemu, Areyonga (for the song festival), Santa Theresa and Amuunguna. The children will be showing many of their traditional dances and songs as well as singing choir songs and folk songs.

School now starts at 8.00am daily with Infants finishing at 2.30pm and Primary at 3.00pm.

Pre-School is still 8.30am to 2.30pm.

We have vacancies for three (3) teaching assistants at school. Interested young men and women should talk to Mr Hassall as soon as possible.

"PROFESSOR"

WOODEN SHOES

Last week Ad and Elfrida Borsboom arrived at Maningrida. They come from Holland and have been in Australia only since the 1st. of June; but you would never guess it because they speak English so well. Ad is an anthropologist from the Catholic University of Nymegen, and his study of the Jinang people will be supported by the Netherlands Foundation for the Advancement of Tropical Research (WOTRO) and the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies. At the moment he is going through the difficult stage of "getting to know you". Although not an anthropologist, Elfrida hopes to offer a helping hand and encouragement to Ad. They expect to be with us for about twelve months.

WEEKEND DUTIES

Duty Officer: Mr. Barry Tuite
Duty Police: Mr. Perkins (by night)
 Mr. Cox (by day)
Duty Sister: Sister Maija
Firewatch: Mr. Fred Luff

STAR THEATRE

Friday: "LOLITA" James Mason, Sue Lyon, Shelly Winters and Peter Sellers. Based on the controversial book of the same name, it tells the unusual story of a young girl's affection for an older married man.

Saturday: "CHALLENGE OF RIN TIN TIN" Jim Brown. That old faithful wonder dog, Rin Tin Tin again thrills and excites as he supports his boy-soldier master and their cavalry comrades in the war against the renegade Indians.

CHURCH.

Sunday: 9.45 am Sunday Schools
 7.15 pm Evening Service. Preacher Mr. Bob Cross.
Tuesday: 7.30 pm Fellowship

"FAITH"

People express their faith in different ways, because they are different. Faith isn't an abstract idea; it is a man, woman or child with a heart big enough to be filled with love and feeling for one another. Everything that ennobles belongs to faith.

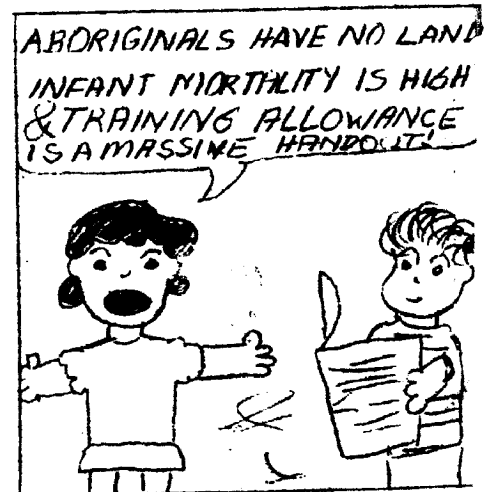
Faith in God is possible only if we have faith in others. Faith in others is only possible if we have faith in ourselves.

The believer is always tempted by unbelief.
 The unbeliever is always tempted by belief.

(from "Annals '72")

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With apologies to Mr. Charles Schulz, and acknowledgement to a poster for a local Earth Meeting in Darwin.

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