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At 6 a.m. on Sunday last (Christmas Eve & all) a long overdue & welcome sight appeared on the horizon. It was none other than the famous M.V. Warrender--- some days overdue but still as proud as ever. She had visited exotic ports like Milingimbi & had an equally exotic cargo-- Volkswagens, Bert's Moke, Albert's new boat, lashings of N.T.A. 'fridges, Hill's hoists and several million 44 drums which were unfortunately full and had to be rolled off by hand. Most important of all however, was the cargo of Christmas cherr buried deep in the bowels of the mighty vessel. Perhaps this accounted for the unbridled enthusiasm of the many amateur wharfies who came to lend a hand. The Happy Club had had a dry night or two and the value of other supplies had gone past international gold prices.

The wharf-side took on a carnival atmosphere as mothers & children came to view the spectacle of a Christmas barge. Albert Wurrdjaj's family waited nervously for his new boat & outboard-- which was stuck up the back of the cargo & was last off. The labourers worked keenly under the expert guidance of Rusty Steele-- who at one stage took a beautiful diving catch of a box of Aerogard ---just short of the forklift--- which was warmly applauded by the appreciative audience.

At last all the cargo was off with the help of Dowsett's truck and the labourers, having laboured all morning to get the cargo off the barge, retired to put some of it back into themselves. At last report 1 carton of rum was said to be missing, believed dead.

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DESIGNATION OF ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY AREAS.

Your co-operation is sought in discontinuing the use of the term 'Mission' or 'Settlement'. Places presently referred to in these terms are now assuming the role of small towns and should be referred to as such, e.g. Papunya, Umbakumba. Community (or plural), centre (s), town (s), area (s), are other suitable alternatives.

2. The complex at Wave Hill will continue to need to be identified as being distinct from the pastoral property, and should now be referred to as the 'Wave Hill Centre'.

3. It is recognised that habit dies hard, but officers are asked to make a conscious effort to refrain from using the terms both in conversation and in correspondence.

H.C.GIESE
Assistant Administrator, Welfare.

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EDITORIAL:

The Mirage welcomes the memorandum from Mr. Giese (see Page 1) & the opportunity to publicise it. It is time now for such terms as Settlement to fade.

We recommend the spirit of Mr. Giese's words to our readers.

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The Dagar rladorna billabong was a sea of floating drink cans last weekend. The water was covered with all kinds of flavours and the occasional beer can. Cans are light and not much trouble to carry home -- they are also easy to bury. Some of the children forget this sometimes-- and some adults too.

Let's try to keep our billabongs and beaches and town clean. If everyone does a little bit it's a lot better for everybody.

Arnhem Land isn't too spoiled yet--- and we don't want people saying that we helped to spoil it.

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I would like to see these things happening in the next future time. Balance people explaining things about their own ways to Aboriginal people so that we better understand how to use them, houses, jobs, roads, trucks, artefacts and things to protect our secret life. Also I would like to see people make films about our life in the bush. About our life from all the times and for that I need a lot of forest to make bush shelters, stringy bark for shades and so on. This is to teach our children in the future so that they may not forget our ways and remembering that we are the real black Australians. If we could get the balanda assistance in that we would be very grateful for you all.

I like to wish all the Maningrida people a happy New Year.

by J. Mirritji

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A TRIP SOUTH!

A number of Jinang people are making plans for a very interesting trip to Bamilyi. They are planning to take the Marritjiri ceremony to relatives down there. A big emblem on a pole has been made for the ceremony, with feathers and string.

It is very unusual for Maningrida people to travel such a great distance for a ceremony. The people are travelling on Connair to Darwin and then to Katherine by bus. They will travel then to Bamilyi for the ceremony.

Ad. Boorsbaum, the anthropologist who is studying the Jinang people, will follow the travellers to record the ceremony.

Jimay Burinyala has been organising the travel arrangements for the trip and collecting the rupiah. Some of the people who plan to make the trip are Alec Djumarr, Robert Berardangnu and his wife, Ray Munyal, Charlie Jarabili, and Dick Smith and his two sons.

We hope that the Bamilyi people enjoy the visit of the Maningrida people as much as we enjoyed seeing them during their visit last September.

From Peter Bunjurjurd

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Our thanks to two new printer's devils who helped to print the Mirage this week. Warren Paul and Viddy Jermacans were pressed into service at the deadline hour.

Come to Maningrida and become a Jack of all trades.

LOOK OUT '73

The Mirage extends to all our readers and to all citizens of Maningrida best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

PROGRESS NEWS:

Hot Trading on the morning of Christmas Eve, after the barge had ~~brought~~ brought in ice cream, vegetables and the life blood of Maningrida --- soft drink.

Trading on Wednesday morning after the break was very high. Many people were worrying for tobacco, matches and soft drink as well as more basic foods.

Some new employees at the store—all of them doing a good job. Gilbert Wumulu, who is back on a holiday from Kormilda, Helen Williams and Tom Wudjal.

The hire car is not working. People are still looking for it to hire. It is down at the garage and it is very sick. One of our drivers had a little argument with the engine.



The barge brought more plant for the new fishing freezer. At last report the new fishing boat was sleeping at Crocker Island with a broken propellor.

The Store will be closed on Monday - New Years Day.

Another gift to Maningrida - a barge is due tomorrow - any bets for Sunday?

ABORIGINAL WAY TOMORROW:

Aboriginal and European people, why do they use me? They like me telling stories in the Mirage but I get no answers. I am writing history telling or finding out what is the best and the most interesting way for me.

Aboriginal people should know by now that life and the world is not the same anymore.

We want to know more about the human nature of Balanda and Abroiginal people. We like to know more about the tales of the creatures of man, animals and everything. People who want to know more about these things should come and friendly join us and talk and discuss some problems and give assistance to Aboriginal people how to change to new wat of living and make older and younger people satisfied and let them share their experience.

We younger people would like to make a film about our ways and customs and how to change some things. With such a film we could teach our own people the changing ways. When Balanda actors tell us things on a picture, we might not beleive them, but when Aboriginal actors behave on a film about how to live in the changing ways and they tell that in the Aboriginal languages older Aboriginal people might better beleive them.

When we learn how to deal with and how to live with the new things balanda's brought us we will better understand how to live with these new things on top. Inside we still like to keep our own minds and thoughts.

DUTY OFFICER: Ron Berryman

DUTY SISTER: 30/31st: Sister Lee. 1/1/73: Sister Ena

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CHURCH NOTES: 9.30a.m. Sunday Schools.
7.15.p.m. Evening Service.... Preacher: Rev. Mosesi Lat
Tues. 7.45.p.m. Choir practice.
Thurs. 7.45. p.m. We recommence our time of fellowship in the home of
Sister Naija.

A NEW YEAR THOUGHT

Whatever happens this year has already happened to Jesus.
Because he knows our help is in him.

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MOVIES: Friday:

Saturday:

} No info. available but
they'll be as good as always

People:

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Lots of people coming & going this week - our apologies if we miss a couple of people.

Two Aboriginal Welfare Officer trainees are with us. One is WARREN PAUL who was with us early this year, the other is VIDDY JERMACANE. Both of them have just completed 6 mths. at A.S.O.P.A. with people like Chris Burchett. Viddy had his previous^{time} in the field in the desert & is keen on Pap-unya. Both A.W.O's are going to another settlement & then to a seminar in Alice Springs.

We say a large welcome to our new Minister Mosesi Latu, his wife Vika & children Alfred, Folola and Helini. Mosesi worked at Milingimbi as an Agriculturalist for 5 years before studying for the Ministry in Sydney.

Jack Gardiner & John Hunter have retired to their respective countries for an annual leave--- meanwhile from Head Office ~~is~~ filling in for John is Tony Spall-- welcome Tony.

Gavin O'Brien & family have also gone on leave & filling their shoes are John Quelch, his wife Jenny & baby Tamarah.

David Gulpalil returned from his interstate performances sporting a fine Indian shirt. He took off on Thursday for a cruise to Indonesia as a didjeridoo instructor & then south again for another film job.

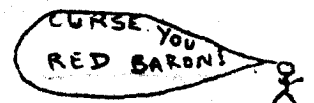
Trevor King sent a brief note back from Brisbane to say that Ted, Toby & Rexie are having a good time in Brisbane & are very happy.

Bob Stutchbury has written to say that he Ben & Steven have spent a few days on Roger Pink's family farm with Robert & Jeffrey--- kerosine lamp & all---- they're tough in the New England.

Mrs. Dave Swift & children off for holidays in the south on Wednesday la

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CONNAIR TALES:



Great excitement on Wednesday when Mr. Connair conjured up another extra Heron packed full of 2nd. class Chrissy mail--- just in time for Boxing Day plus 1. Lots of mail order presents, some a little worse for wear-- like the recipients. Whilst in Darwin recently I asked if Connair's magnificent new D.C.3 might ever carry us to Darwin on a regular basis-- no luck folks--- she's a pure charter machine the man said. According to the papers it's being kept busy too. So if you ever want to fly Connair with a hostess you'll either have to find a score or so of friends or yourself a very large suitcase--- about 2 1/2 tons with the lid closed.

Terry, our present Connair man would like everyone to weigh in at the Govt. store 2 hour before flights are due-- complete with luggage. If you have been booked in Darwin or you are travelling on a warrant or something you must still weigh in. The store is air-conditioned & enjoys pleasant surroundings so don't be frightened to roll along.

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