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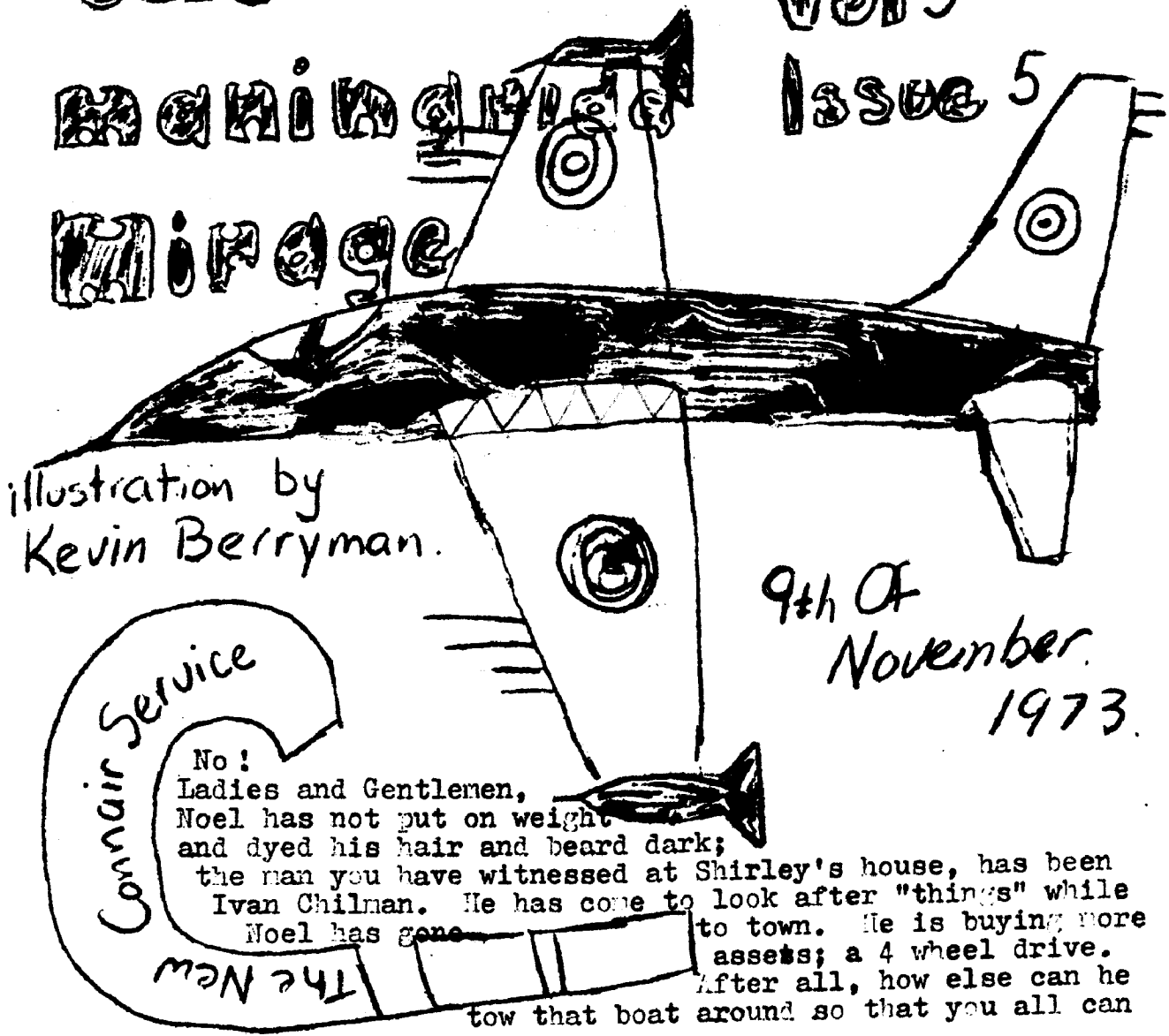
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the Maningrida Mirage

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1973.

No!
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Noel has not put on weight
and dyed his hair and beard dark;
the man you have witnessed at Shirley's house, has been
Ivan Chilman. He has come to look after "things" while
Noel has gone to town. He is buying more
assets; a 4 wheel drive.
After all, how else can he
tow that boat around so that you all can
get a look.

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Dear Editor,

I would like to thank all the folks who were so hospitable while I was in Maningrida.

I will remember staying in your settlement as one of the most enjoyable experiences I have had in Australia.

Jim Souers.
"The Dentist"

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Brothers and Sisters

Come along and help support the children who are going away at Christmas time!!!



Each Saturday pay day, at 8 o'clock at night, at the Town Hall, there will be a 60/40 dance.

Admission will be \$1.

Ladies are asked to bring a plate of supper.

CAPITAL FUND FOR ABORIGINAL ENTERPRISES

(Statement by the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Senator the Honourable J.L. Cavanagh)

The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Senator Cavanagh said today that at 30 June 1973, loans made to Aborigines by the Capital Fund for Aboriginal Enterprises since its inception in September 1968, totalled 295 for an overall amount of \$4.5m and that three out of four borrowers in the financial year 1972/3 had shown reasonable to excellent prospects of success. This was an improvement of 10% on the previous year's figures and reflected the continuing hard work of Aboriginal borrowers.

Senator Cavanagh said that all loans made from the Fund had been approved by the Minister and disbursed mainly through local trading bank branches by arrangement with the banks as agents for the Fund. The Minister's Advisory Committee in this regard comprised Mr. H.C. Coombs, Chairman of the Council for Aboriginal Affairs, Mr. F.S. Elliot, General Manager of the Commonwealth Development Bank and Mr. J.B. Garrett, Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Treasury.

The Minister said that applications for loans were very carefully examined, as indicated by the fact that to 30 June 1973, 1,256 applications totalling \$30.2m had been received but only 295 totalling \$4.5m approved.

Speaking of loans which had failed, Senator Cavanagh said that as at 30 June, 1973, only 17 loans out of the 295 had failed, and \$110,661 had been written off. This represented a failure ratio of 2.46 involving the writing off of \$110,661 against total loan approvals of \$4.5m. This was considered a most satisfactory result, in view of the fact that the Fund operated in a field of finance notoriously uncertain, where practically every borrower needed to be financed to 100% of capital requirements and lacked the expertise needed for the demands of modern enterprises.

The Minister added that as a matter of interest and as a measure of general comparison between the somewhat unique lending area of the Capital Fund and the Australian business community generally, statistics compiled by the Attorney-General's Department revealed that in Australia in the year 1972/73 there was a total of 2573 official bankruptcies involving total debts of the order of \$24,4m. These statistics related to non-corporate individuals and partnerships and did not include company liquidations and failures.

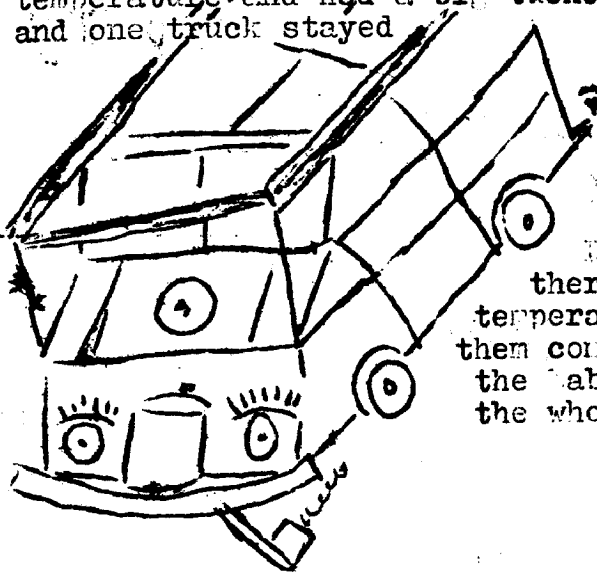
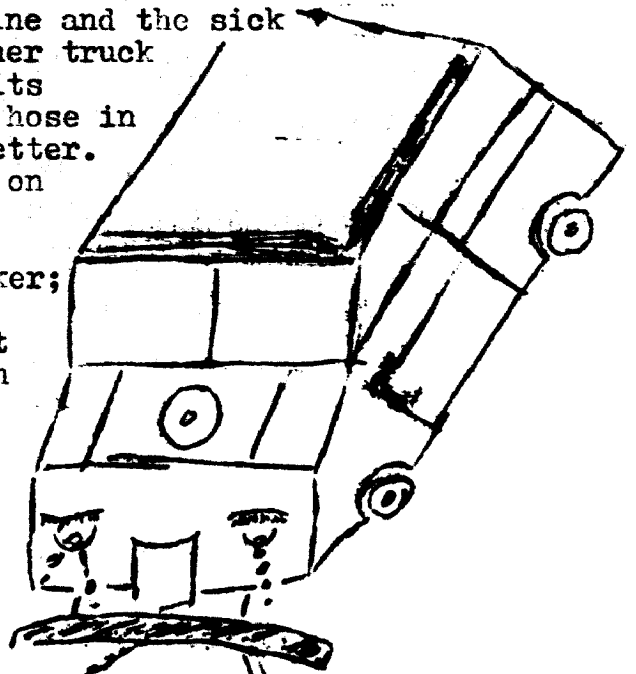
Senator Cavanagh said that because of the sound investment policy followed, the assets of the Fund now stood higher than the original sum of \$4.56m provided by the Government ~~supervision and guidance to it~~ even after paying out \$410,687 for professional costs of supervision and guidance to individual borrowers, providing \$486,800 for doubtful debts and meeting other costs.

Canberra, A.C.T.
28th October, 1973.

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I will tell you a story about a long trip some people took. They were going to Katherine. They left Darwin on Friday afternoon, but, funny (I think) they were back in Darwin on Saturday afternoon. That was a fast trip. But they didn't get to Katherine. They only went 10 miles. Then they fixed up the truck and went again on Saturday afternoon. Anyhow, they were busy driving all Saturday night and one truck went to Gove, but he came back to find the other truck because he thought it was sick again. But it wasn't. It was just having a cup of tea and waiting for him to come back from Gove. Then they went to Bulman and got stuck in the buffalo bones paddock with pillows up their nose, pulling out teeth and horns. They had plenty

of fun. Then the sun started to shine and the sick truck got a temperature. So the other truck got sick too. It had some dirt in its throat so they cut it out and put a hose in it. The truck liked that and got better. Then they tried to talk to somebody on the radio in Maningrida but nobody liked to talk to the. They kept on going and the sickest truck got sicker; so sick that the better truck carried it for a long time. Then it rained and the trucks liked the rain and went faster. Then at last they reached Katherine and the sick truck wanted to drive himself into town because he was ashamed to see people see him sick. The rain followed them to Katherine and washed them nice and clean. They all lost their temperature and had a big tucker and one truck stayed



there. The lady in Katherine was frightened of the two sick trucks but the doctor said he would make the sick-- really sick one really better. Everybody was happy. The other (better) truck went to Darwin while the moon was up. It got there just before the sun made it get a temperature. Then everybody was happy to see them come back to Maningrida on Monday, but the baby truck got sick at the airport so the whole thing started again.

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will all The children please stop teasing my dog Hermie or I'll ask the Policeman to come.

Thank you,
Kevin Bergman

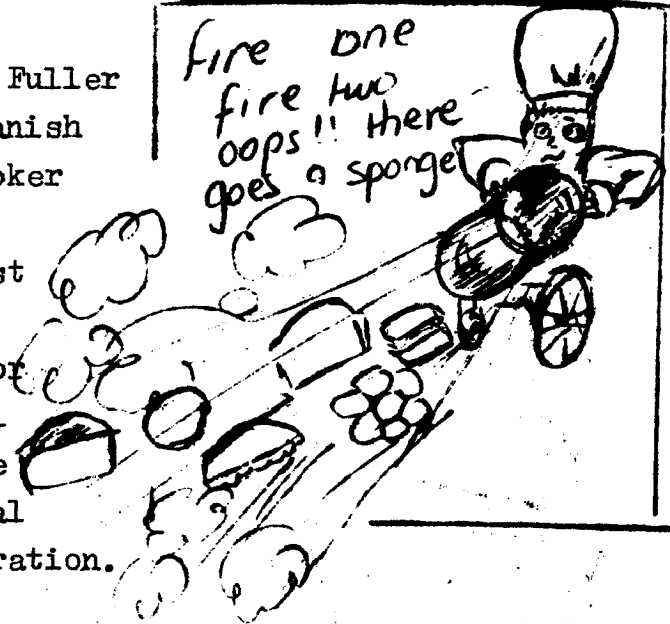


army

All is now quiet in the town of Tocumwal, as half the Australian army patrols the streets. The men have been on duty since martial law was declared last week and their commander Major General Higgins is prepared to call on the other six men if necessary.

Following the storming of the town bakery last week, in which 203 were injured, martial law was proclaimed after days of rioting and vandalism. Since then an uneasy peace, broken occasionally by gunfire and irate citizens, has prevailed.

Veteran revolutionary 'Red' Ted Fuller who's causes have ranged from the Spanish civil war, to Womens Lib and the Snooker Tables Compensation Act (1928), has condemned the towns bread as a Fascist plot to enervate the working classes. Mr Fuller stressed that neither he nor his brothers in toil would rest until the situation had been brought before the bar of world opinion and the local branch of the Waterside Workers Federation.



In a televised interview, Mr Thomas O'Toole the baker, has emphasised that he will remain in his barricaded bakery in spite of many invitations to leave. He said '+\$*/* me, they're lucky to get any +\$*/* bread at all. If they don't like the +\$*/* stuff, then let them go somewhere else and +\$*/* buy it'

When it was pointed out to Mr O'Toole that the next bakery was 200 miles away, he replied 'Hard +\$*/* luck'

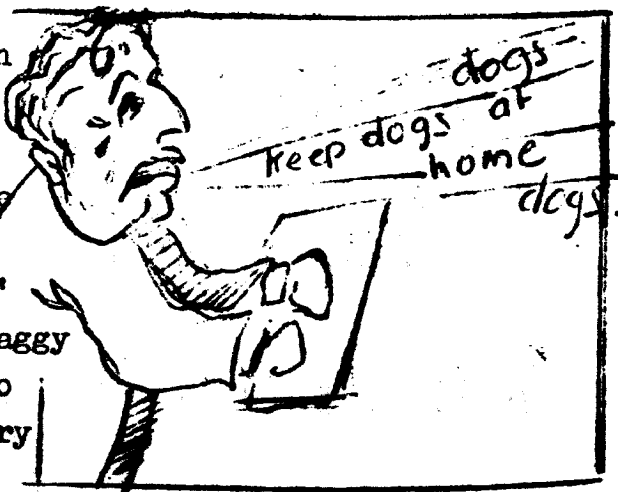
Mr O'Toole then closed the interview by draping a flour bag over the camera lens and continued enlarging the fortifications.

In Parliament today a spokesman for the opposition, (John Tommo. Lab. Toorak) closely question the Prime Minister about the highjacking of a breadvan at Tocumwal recently.

'Was the Prime Minister aware' he asked 'of the grave concern felt by members of the public about this vehicle and its lethal contents?'

The Prime Minister in reply, stated 'That the government viewed the situation with concern' but he was sure 'That the Australian people, would rally, as they always did, in a crisis and would anyone who owned a dog please keep it at home, as dogs will not be welcomed in my yard'

In a supplementary question, Mr Jim Daggy (C.P. Woolloomooloo) urged an inquiry into the drastic population decline in country towns along the Murray river.



Replying, the Minister for Foreign affairs admitted that though the security council was deadlocked, the affair was having some repercussions on trade and industry and he felt the situation proved the bankruptcy of the former governments health policy.

Last Thursdays violence is believed to have started after a rowdy public meeting in the Tocomwel town hall.

During the meeting Councillor Albert Cooper called attention to the bruised and limping former assistant baker, Solomon England. In a solemn affidavit the former assistant swore to 'continuous and unprovoked physical and verbal attacks with fists, boots, old bread, and on one occasion a meat pie. 'There were days' said Mr England 'when I didn't go home tired but happy'

In support of a motion calling for a ban on the advertising gimmicks of Mr O'Toole, the Rev. Ian Cuthbert said 'This mans sales methods are an insult to public morality, family life and this fair state' A medical practioner pointed out, that there wasn't room behind the counter for such sales methods and they could result in permanent injury, and he questioned the wisdom of it.

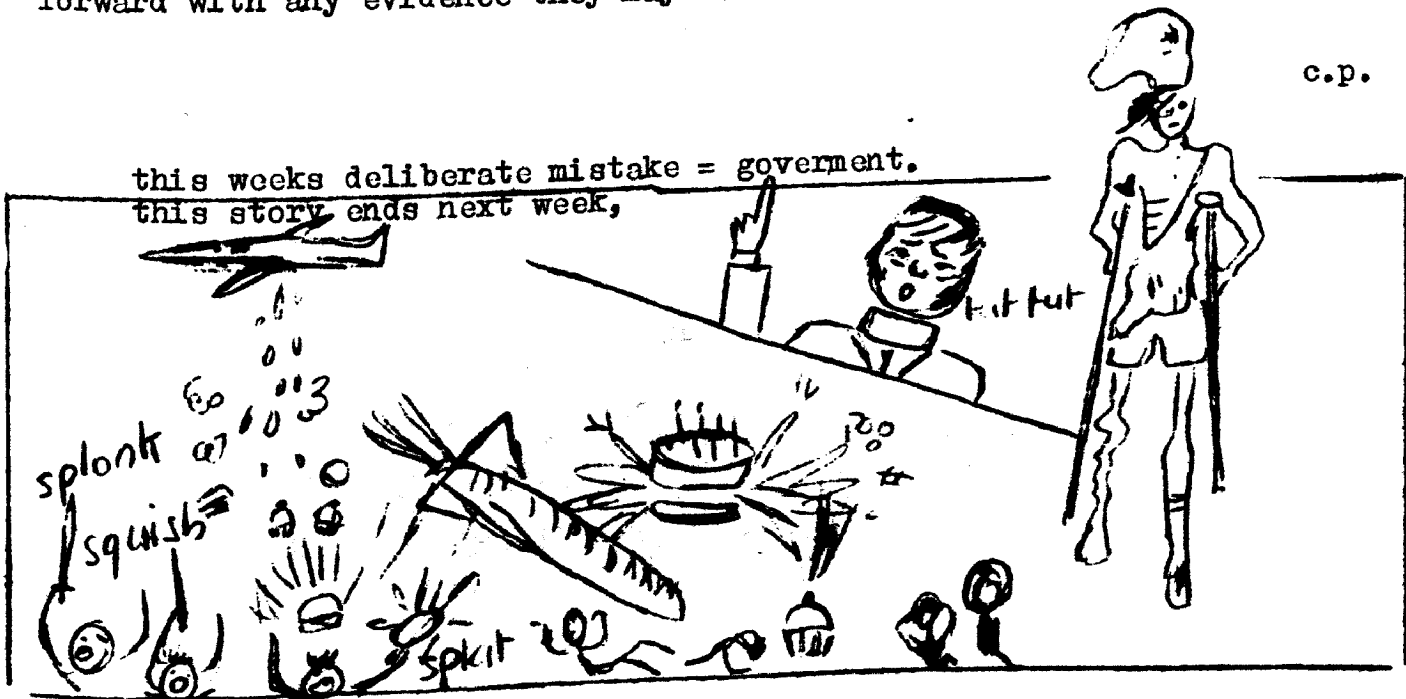
In Beirut, an official of the Australian/Arab Liberation Front (A.A.L.F) denied all knowledge of the hijacked breadvan or any link with those responsible, but he agreed with it in principle and said they would provide assistance for any refugees.

The extensive damage done to the bakery in the early hours of Friday morning is believed to have been caused by missiles of an unknown military type, being launched from the hijacked van.

Police spokesmen repeated an earlier appeal to the public, to come forward with any evidence they may have of breaches of the Bread & Bun Act.



this weeks deliberate mistake = government.
 this story ends next week,



c.p.

From your Canberra Correspondent - Rosemary Walters.

DREDFUL SPELLING GETS HELTHIER.

This is a lepard.

Here is a hed.

Gess what this is?

It's a loaf of bred.

The words underlined above are not spelling mistakes - they are spelling corrections. At last! The first step has been made towards fixing up the dreadful spelling of English.

The Spelling Action Society has made plans for a lot of gradual (no need for panic) changes in English spelling. The first change is called Spelling Reform 1.

SR1 means that every time you hear the sound "e" (as in bet) you use the letter "e". Here are some SR1 changes that anyone can use -

bury -	berly
says -	ses
friend - 5	frend
measure -	mesure
any -	eny
heifer -	hefer

In all those words, the old spelling uses a different lot of letters each time to represent the same sound. What a relief for school children to only have to learn one spelling for that sound.

So far no other change except SR1 is being used. You have to wait until everyone is sure that SR1 is not dangerous, not expensive and not even difficult and then SR2 will be announced and used.

Many people are using SR1 already. In Canberra, Narrabunday High School uses it. Many newspapers are using it.

May I suggest to the editor of the Mirage that his paper uses SR1. Many Mirage readers use English as a second language only and simpler spelling means more readers can understand more articles. It's only a small change but it's a beginning.

For more information, write to -
Harry Lindgren,
40 McKinlay Street,
Narrabunday, A.C.T. 2604.

For fun, try this SR1 crossword on the next page. It's not too hard for schoolchildren.

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Dear Rosemary,

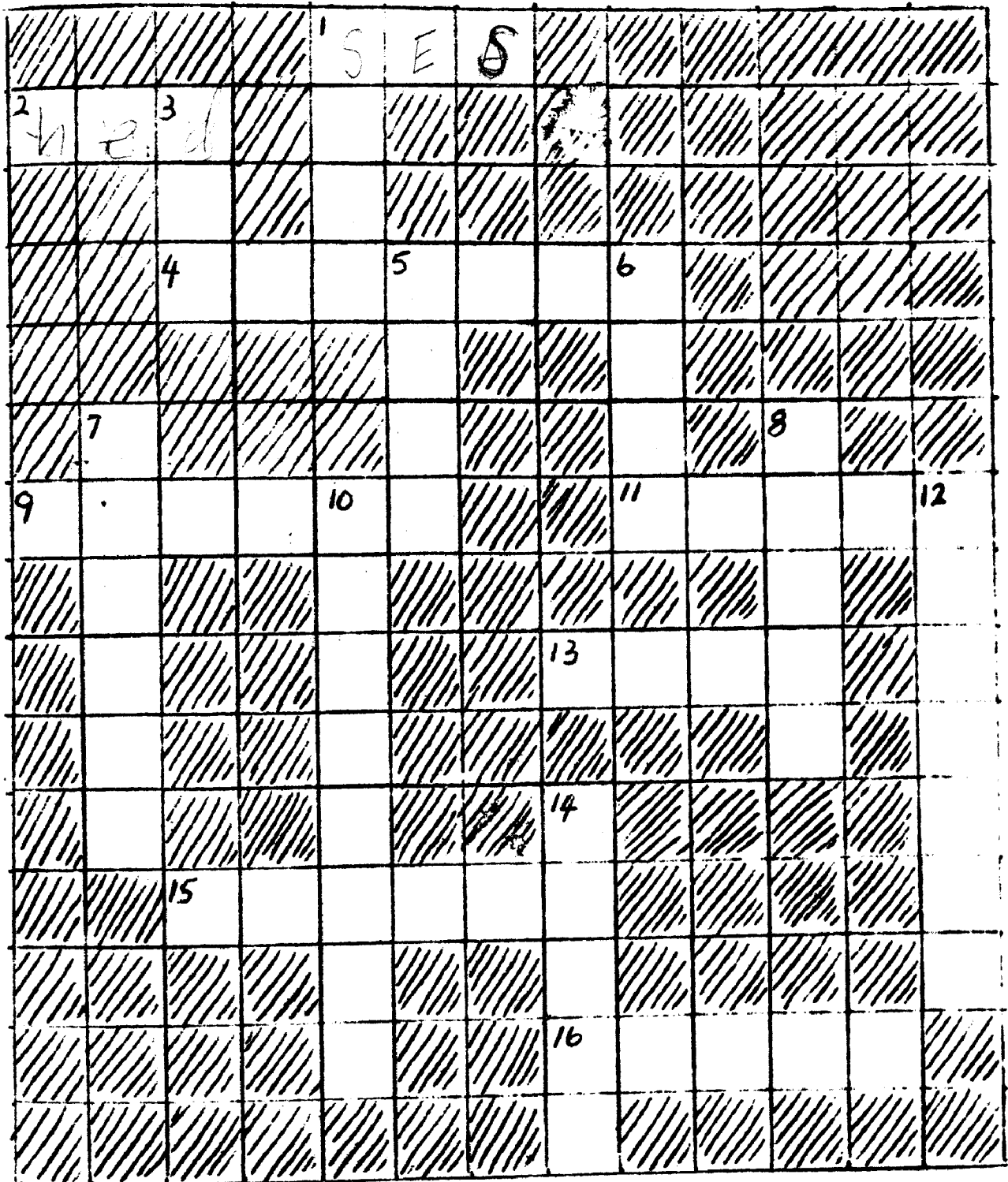
Many thanks for your interesting news. It sure is great to know that things are changing. The only problem we have is that the typists have to stop and think when trying to type SR1 changes.

However, when we think of we it we will try our hand at it.

Keep in touch.

The Editor.

A HEALTHIER SPELLING CROSSWORD.



C L U E S .

ACROSS

- 1. is saying
- 2. on top of your neck
- 4. birds' clothes
- 9. rich
- 11. cotton
- 13. more than once
- 15. used for saddles, belts
- 16. not shaky or wobbly

DOWN.

- 3. cannot hear
- 5. hard to lift
- 1. 6. perspiration
- 7. not sick
- 8. someone who likes you
- 10. an out-back home
- 12. awful, horrible
- 14. Robin Red _____

Maningrida, N.T.
5th Nov. 1973.

The Editor,
'Mirage'
Maningrida.

Dear Sir,

Surely it is time that we in the north realised our responsibility to the rest of the country, especially in regard to defence.

No longer are we an outpost of the relatively over populated south east corner of Australia. We have become and will remain in the vanguard of any defence strategy that the nation can envisage.

It follows therefore that it is our duty to raise and maintain a local defence force, preferably on the lines of the C.M.F. With the present population of Maningrida and the surrounding area, it should be possible to raise a force of almost battalion strength.

As other countries have found, there is nothing so conducive to the national good as the sense of purpose and achievement produced in a proud and effective national defence force.

Yours faithfully,

'Digger'

(Name and address supplied)

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Bless 'em all, Bless 'em all, The long and the short and the tall.
Go to it Digger! Get 'em mobile and save us from disaster.

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STAR THEATRE:

Friday - "MOON ZERO TWO"

Saturday - "PROUD ONES"

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ON DUTY THIS WEEKEND:

Sister Betty

Mr. "Brolga" Beckett

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HEALTHIER CROSSWORD ANSWERS.

ACROSS

- 1. ses
- 2. hed
- 4. fethers
- 9. welthy
- 11. thred
- 13. agen
- 15. lether
- 16. stedy

DOWN

- 3. def
- 5. hevy
- 1.6. swet
- 7. helthy
- 8. frend
- 10. homested
- 12. dredful
- 14. brest

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