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Maple Leaves and Mango Trees.

Whilst it wasn't exactly snowing at Maningrida on Tuesday, we had a refreshing whiff of another big, cold country, and obviously a very vigorous one. Climatologically the Canadian North and Central Arnhem Land are far removed, but in objects and aspirations they are very close together indeed.

The RAAF plane arrived dead on time - (Connair take note, please). It brought a party of Canadian Parliamentarians and their staffs, also the wives of the Canadian Minister for Northern Affairs and the Canadian High Commissioner. The distinguished men themselves, Messrs. Chretien and Menzies, and Mr. Chaney, turned up shortly afterwards in one of Ossie's planes, having spent the night on Coburg Peninsula. Mr. Chretien proudly displayed scars received in honourable combat with a large fish off Port Essington the night before. He stunned the Super by insisting on walking down to the settlement from the airstrip, but his companions chose to wait until the transport returned from the first run. After refreshments the party moved on to the school where a first class concert had been arranged by the Headmaster. It featured some excellent folk singing and traditional dances firstly by boys, and then the Jinang men, finishing up with a solo by the inimitable Caruso. The President of the Indian Council, Chief George Manuel, thrilled the large crowd which had gathered with an Indian song, and then a dance. The sight of him, in his colourful head-dress, and carrying his "talking-stick", was something that we will not forget easily. The setting was also something to remember; green lawns, coconut palms and maybe 400 people, many in uniform, all mixed up together.

From the school the people visited the craft shop - (Bapa is rubbing his hands) - and also met painters and weavers, including our old "master", Mr. Magani. They then visited the Fisheries before returning to the kitchen where Gil and Danny and their staff turned on a sea-food buffet. Mr. Chretien spoke of his enjoyment of the tour and presented Council President, Tom Yibberal, with a magnificent wood carving and a book. He also presented the Superintendent with a soap-stone carving and another book.

After lunch there was a visit to the pre-school and to the sawmill. The Minister also met with members of the Maningrida Council for a talk and the President thanked him for coming and for his obvious interest in Maningrida.

Time to leave then, and after a rousing send-off by school children, the big plane climbed up into the sky to head for Gove, the next stop.

J.H.

A reader who can speak French Canadian suggested another title for this article - *Populaire Place* *Hied a terre for peripatetic parliam en-*
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Mardi Gras -

*late this afternoon, at the school.
Sideshow, stalls, lucky dips.*

COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 5.30 P.M. ON 5/4/71

PRESENT: 15 Councillors

MINUTES: Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

- BUSINESS ARISING:
1. Councillors observed that not all the toilets had been shifted yet. Superintendent said that he would see what was happening in this regard.
 2. Councillor Riala said that the carpenters had started to build a new toilet but couldn't get any more timber to go on with. It was decided to lodge an order through Welfare for more timber.
 3. Councillor Riala said that the carpenters had put more fly-wire on some of the houses but some had none at all. There wasn't enough material to do this job. President said that fly-wire should last for a long time and shouldn't have to be replaced frequently.

NEW BUSINESS:
GUNS:

The discussion on guns resumed. There had been more trouble over guns since the last meeting, and some councillors were very worried about the situation. It was strongly felt that all guns should be kept in the office, and only taken out when the owners were going hunting. Superintendent said this was fair enough, but he didn't feel the office could handle this, there were too many guns. The law presumed that each person who owns a licensed gun is a responsible person. He should be himself aware of the right and wrong things to do with guns. If he did the wrong thing the law would see that he could not own a gun again. The Superintendent made the following suggestions:

1. That each owner be responsible for his gun. He should know not to lend it to anyone, use it to "frighten" people, etc. If he could not be responsible in this way, then he should not have the gun.
2. Any person who does not intend to use his gun (going away, etc.) should not leave it with someone else but leave it at the office, where it will be looked after until his return.
3. Any person who misuses a gun, e.g. "threatening", will have it confiscated immediately.

The subject was then closed off pending further discussion at a later meeting.

MINING BUSINESS: The Superintendent outlined the outcome of the mining meeting held at Maningrida earlier in the day.

VISIT BY CANADIANS: The Superintendent made mention of the proposed visit by Canadian Parliamentarians for Tuesday 6/4/71.

EASTER HOLIDAY: Arrangements for the coming Easter break were outlined for Councillors to pass on to their areas.

LIGHTS: Councillor Riala pointed out that the matter of electric lights was still outstanding. Superintendent suggested that the President approach Mr. Giese again.

WATER: Councillor Malagalia complained about the lack of a water tap at his home. Superintendent said he would see Mr. Malagalia privately about that.

CLUB ROSTER:
G. Ganjibala
J. Riala
T. Malagalia

NIGHT WATCHMAN:
B. Beibananga

The Meeting closed 7.30 p.m.

MINING

A second inter Settlement/Mission meeting was held at Maningrida on 5/4/71. Attending were ATOP holders and representatives from Croker, Oenpelli, Milingimbi, Goulburn Island and Maningrida. Also attending were Messrs. Gordon Symons and Laurie Fuller, from the M.O.M. in Darwin, and Mr. Brian Kelly, joint solicitor for the Methodist Missions and the M.P.A.

The meeting elected the Reverend Symons as chairman and then went on to consider various matters. Two representatives of each area were appointed to vote on motions.

Mr. Brian Kelly first gave advice as to the formation of the proposed aboriginal mining company. His advice favoured the setting up of a central trustees' or holding company to oversee financial affairs and the formation of individual operation companies for each participating area. The central company would be directed by aborigines whilst the smaller companies would comprise experts, geologists, solicitors, etc. to deal with mining companies. The meeting favoured the setting up of only one company, initially, and a motion to this effect was carried.

Mr. Kelly then spoke on the various offers which had been received from ESSO, EURALBA and ORMAC. He went through each one in detail and ended by proposing the one he thought most favourable, providing reasons for so doing. Other representatives spoke also. A motion regarding further negotiations was passed and Mr. Kelly appointed sole negotiator for the group. He was also given instructions to follow.

A representative was then appointed from each area to receive communications from Mr. Kelly. In the case of Maningrida it will be Mr. Bagshaw.

Participation in the proposed mining company - (to be called the First Aboriginal Mining Company) - was then discussed. A motion regarding equity was then carried. Participation is to be as follows:

Goulburn	25%
Oenpelli	25%
Maningrida	25%
Milingimbi	15%
Croker Is.	10%

with a review each 12 months.

The meeting then considered various matters of lesser import before closing at 3.00 p.m.

ELECTIONS

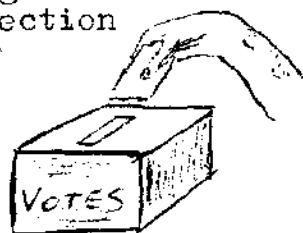
Everyone should know that there will be N.T. Legislative Council elections later this year, also a general election for the Federal House of Representatives - (Canberra Parliament) - some time before October 1972.

Every aborigine over the age of 21 is entitled to be placed on the electoral roll, and is therefore entitled to vote at these elections. Aborigines may make up their own minds whether or not they want to be placed on the roll, but once they are, they must vote.

There are still a number of people who don't understand about voting, or who have not had themselves put on the roll. This is a pity, because voting is the most important way of telling the Government what you think about it, whether you agree with it or not. It is also the only way of choosing a person who you think can best talk for you in the Legislative Council or Canberra Parliament.

People who are not aborigines must vote and thus get into trouble if they don't. This is how important it is. It is just as important for aborigines to choose to have their names put on the roll and to vote.

It is easy to have your name put on the roll. Just come to the office and see someone there, anyone will do. They will help you to have your name put on the roll. If you are not sure whether you want to, or do not know what this is about, come and see Tom Yibberal or Joe Fry. They will explain to you.



	Thurs. 8/4/71	Friday 9/4/71	Satur. 10/4/71	Sunday 11/4/71	Monday 12/4/71
Kitchen(s)	Closed after lunch	Closed	Open	Open	Open
Hospital		Sr. Miller	Sr. Miller	Sr. Miller	Sr. Ena
Duty Officer		W. Beckett	W. Beckett	W. Beckett	W. Beckett
Shop		Closed	Open normal trading	Closed	Closed
Hasty Tasty		Closed	Open	Closed	Open from lunch.
Post Office		Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Club		No	Yes	No	Yes
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Movies	Yes	Yes No	Yes		

Thursday 8/4 will be pay day.
 Tuesday 13/4 is an ordinary working day
 The School Mardi Gras will be on 8/4/71 before the movies.
 Founctroy is also expected 8/4/71

In the Newspapers this week.

More News from Wave Hill.

Sir Paul Hasluck, who came to Maningrida last year, has said that the Government will keep the people away from a special sacred place belonging to the Gurindji people at Wave Hill. This means that nobody can come and dig holes or knock down trees. Only the Aboriginal people will be allowed to use it as a Dreaming Place.

Aboriginal Babies.

Doctors have been talking in Sydney why so many Aboriginal babies die or dont grow strong, the same as white babies. The doctors say it is because many babies have gastritis (sick stomachs) and bad colds in their chest and lungs. Also many of them do not have good food to make them strong.

Bisteddfod comes again.

In August it will be time for the Bisteddfod in Darwin again. Now is the time when everybody who wants to be in the Bisteddfod has to put their name down on paper and send it to Darwin. Maningrida will be sending another team to Darwin again this year.

Television soon.

Television will start in Darwin in two months. Many people have already got a TV set and in the shops, there are many TV sets to be seen. Only people who live close to Darwin, will be able to see the Television. Maningrida will have to wait a long time before television comes here.

FOOTBALL



To play at Milingimbi

A team of approximately 30 men will travel on a Connair plane to Milingimbi on Friday to play Basketball and football and return on Saturday also on Connair.

Good luck to you boys.

That Milingimbi team are pretty hard to beat and if you can do it

Last week's game.

Waratahs 13-14 92 points defeated
Magpies 11-11 77 points.

The game start was the bull before the stormy finish. Magpies led by 1-1 at half-time. After half-time we saw football at its legitimist roughest thanks perhaps to a well grassed oval. Waratahs fought back well with a succession of goals.

Progress points for best and fairest - 4th week:

George (W) 13; Terry Darwin 12; Jimmy (M) 8; Larry 7; Thomas 5; Jerry 5; Luck, Alan, David 4; Billy, Jimmy Pasca 3; Stanley, George (M) 2; Michael Stewart 1.

T.K.

BASKETBALL



Draw. We have finished round 1, every body has played eachother once. Next Tuesday starts the second round.

Round 2 Week 1

Tuesday 13th April, 1971.

7 p.m. Cadell River v Blyth River.

8 p.m. Chalkies v Eagles.

Thursday 15th April, 1971

7 p.m. Entrance Island v Dolphins.

8 p.m. Cape Stewart v Arnhemland.

In a fast and furious game Blyth River were able to hold off a sustained Entrance Island attack to win 37/26. The players worked very hard on the court, it was an effort just watching and wondering how long the pace would last.

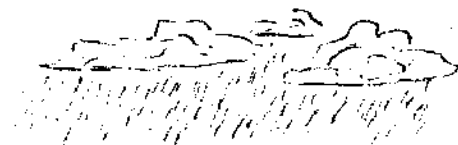
Dolphins played by bad shooting went down to Cadell River. Dolphins had as many shots as Cadell but just couldn't find the net, whereas Cadell seemed to set up a basket and make the points count.

Competition points to date will be published next week.

R.P.

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From the Newspapers.



MORE RAIN. Most of the Northern Territory is still having rain. The Wet Season is lasting longer this year than last year. Creeks and rivers have been coming up and blocking the roads to Alice Springs and Mount Isa. The men on the cattle stations are happy because the rain will make the grass grow and will mean plenty of water and tucker for their cattle in the Dry Season.

CHEEKY SPIDER. In Darwin people are worried about a spider which has a very strong poison. It is called a Funnel Web spider. Two people in Sydney died from a bite from these spiders. Some of them have been found in Darwin. Maybe some of them live at Maningrida too.

STAR THEATRE:

Thursday: Films due on today's plane.
Saturday: See the notice board.



CHURCH:

Good Friday 9.30 a.m. Service.
Easter Day 9.30 a.m. Sunday Schools "Christ is risen".
7.30 p.m. Easter Communion
Thursday 7.30 p.m. Fellowship.



BIRTH:

Serena - a daughter born on 6th April to Jrewa Badaluma and Oscar Gawulgu. Gunwingga.

RAINFALL:

163 points last week. 63 points in the heaviest shower on Monday.

Sister Helen Miller, Kathy and Heather leave Maningrida for Queensland on Wednesday morning. Sister Helen came to Maningrida in 1962 and over the years she has come to the people of Maningrida very well, - who belonged to whose family and what sicknesses they have had. She will be greatly missed. Many of us have been cared for by her in times of sickness. We all join to thank her and wish her and the two girls well in Theodore.

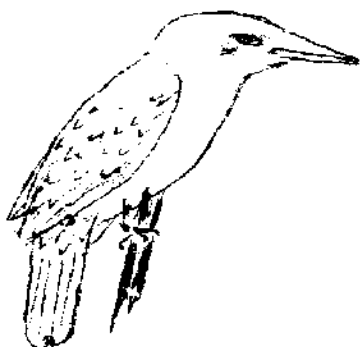
Farewell party:

On the lawn of the single men (Mr Bert Ryan) on Saturday night - to say farewell to Sister Helen. Everyone is welcome.

Sister Margaret Struthers will come to replace Sister Helen in about one month. Sister Margaret is no stranger to Maningrida. She nursed here in 1965-66. She and Sister Dorothy Sands lived in the Cliff House.

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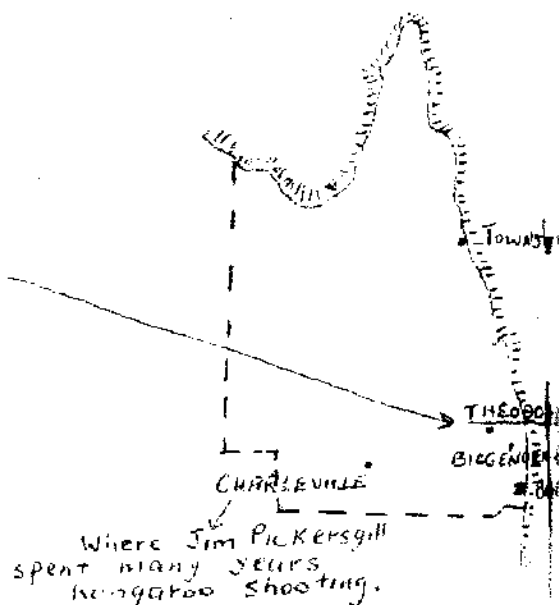
Mangrove Kingfisher



This is the bird we call the "kookaburra" but the real kookaburra that sits in the old gum tree has a much better and longer laugh. This one lives in the mangrove and eats small fish, sea snails etc. He makes his nest in the hole in an ant bed or in a tree. They breed bet October and December. During some wet season they are often heard but some reason they have been scarce this year.

Expected this week.

Mr. Trevor Craven to stay with Lindy and Bruce for a period.



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