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A NEW KIND OF MUSIC!

Yesterday, Mr. George Dreyfus, a music composer from Melbourne arrived to talk to Mr. George Winunguj about some new music he has written. In this music, the Aboriginal didgeridoo will play side by side with European wind instruments like the bassoon, flute, etc. People working near the Government store yesterday afternoon heard Winunguj playing some good didgeridoo music.

George D. had some interesting things to say. He thinks that the main difference between Aboriginal and European music is that Aboriginal songs were passed on from father to son and did not change. Europeans on the other hand could write their music down and it was always changing. They have a kind of "Progress Association" in music to try to make new and better music, all the time.

In bringing the didgeridoo and the European wind music together, Mr. Dreyfus is not trying to make the bassoon sound like the didgeridoo or make the didgeridoo play *Waltzing Matilda*. Rather they are to be "brothers together" each playing in their own way.

When the music is ready, George W. will join the 5 Adelaide players and if allis well they will give a concert together.

The Government (Australian Council for the Arts) sent the 5 Adelaide players (Quintet) to Arnhemland last year and it is the Arts Council who have asked Mr. Dreyfus to make this new music.

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G.H.

FROM THE NEWSPAPERS

Mr. Blackburn is the Judge who listened to all the stories about the fight over the land near Yirrkala where the big Company is digging aluminium from the ground. The Aboriginal people said they own the land and the company should go away. The Judge thought about these stories for a long time. He wrote down everything on many, many pages of paper. Then he said that the whiteman's law doesn't say anything about Aboriginal people living on their land. So the Aboriginal people of Yirrkala have lost the argument and the company will stay there to dig the minerals. A lawyer is going to speak with the Yirrkala people and they will decide if they will go to another Court to talk about their land.

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D.G.

ON THE JOB.

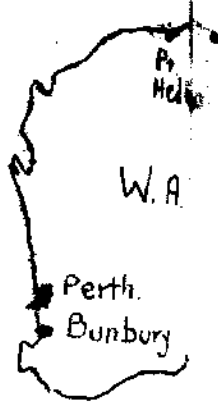
Four student teahhers from the South are at Maningrida at present for a practice teaching period. Miss Denise Carwardine and Miss Kerry Borger are from the Sydney Day Nursery Training College in that illustrious Sydney suburb of Newtown. They are being shown the ropes at the Pre-school. Last week their Supervisor Mrs. Maria Byron visited Maningrida and was impressed with the school of the settlement.

Miss Lyn Westcott and Miss Lorraine Ellul are from that beloved alma mater A.S.O.P.A., in Mosman, Sydney. They are attached to two of the main school's infant classes. Their supervisor, Mrs. Jean Newcombe, has been visiting Maningrida this week to watch them in action. Later the students will be returning to work in N.T.school

MR. RAY BUZZA WRITES

Hullo, all you people at Maningrida and in particular those young people who were at school last year and those happy sportsmen who I was fortunate enough to play football and basketball with, and the painting fraternity.

I have a new job now. I am not a teacher. I help part-aboriginal people in the south west of Western Australia to get work. There are very few full-blood aboriginal people in this part of Australia and no longer are there tribal groups. These people call themselves "Noongar" (or coloured people). They have large family groups and are very close to each other. Like you people at Maningrida, they are friendly, unselfish, and have a strong human bond, or love, amongst themselves.



Life for these people is very difficult because they live in a way of life where money is very important. Without it you cannot get food, clothing, homes, medicine or any of the things which help us to live and be happy. The only way to get money is to work for it. These people have not had good schooling or training to do jobs that will pay big money. They have large families. Their life is very difficult. The old people cannot change, but the young people are going to school longer (High School and University) learning skilled jobs (apprenticeships, business courses, machine operators) and the government is helping to pay for all this schooling and training. It is my job to help all these people, young and old, men and women, boys and girls, to get the best jobs they can.

The people must learn that to earn their money they must go to work every day (unless they are sick), they must be on time, and they must do their best. If they do not do these things they will lose their jobs and so will not have money to do the things they want.



This is the way life is like away from Maningrida and it is the same for all people. If I do not do the right things in my job I will lose it.

I am very interested to read the "Mirage" each week and was particularly pleased to read the wise words of the Council President in volume 76, 19th March.

It is true, there will be big changes at Maningrida in the future. Many of you children will grow up into a world where money and work go hand in hand. If you want money you will have to work for it all the time, to buy the things you need and want.

I have been saddened to read of the trouble that too much beer is bringing to some of the people at Maningrida. This is the worst part of my job, trying to help the people who spend all their money on beer (just to get drunk, it seems) and neglect themselves and their families. It is not long before these people cannot get jobs at all, even when they are sober.

Mrs. Buzza and I will never forget the happy times and wonderful people at Maningrida. We know things will change in time and we pray that you can learn to take the best from the old and the new and perhaps take the President's thoughts one step further to the point where you think of people not as aborigines and whites, but one name: - humans.

Ray Buzza

To Speak For Aboriginal People.

Some men in Darwin want an Aboriginal man to be on the Legislative Council in Darwin. This Council makes rules for everything in the whole of the Northern Territory. Some people say that there should be an Aboriginal man who will speak on the Council for all the Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory. Only Aboriginal people would be allowed to vote for him.

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Weekend Travel Guide

by J.H.



Another long weekend coming up. Want to get away from it for a while? Take your pick of this lot:-

1. ENTRANCE ISLAND

Self-contained accommodation, water laid on. No 1 sandy beaches, no mud. Plenty of fish (beware the sharks, though). No mossies or sandflies. Archaeologically inclined? - Then have a look around for Macassan relics.

2. ROCKY POINT (NAWALADA)

15 miles out, over the Gudjerama causeway and straight ahead. Plenty of fishing and beachcombing. Take your own drinking water.

3. NAVY LANDING (FOR THE DARING)

Go onto the beach at Nawalada and then straight along it for 4 miles. Keep on the hard sand and STOP at the encampment. Mind the tide. The creek is famous for barras and all sorts of mangrove fish. Fish in the deep holes at low tide. It's not muddy so you can walk around anywhere. Mind the crabs. Take your throw-net.

4. Negererjer

Take the forestry free-way out of the settlement and head South. Twenty five miles will bring you to the Cadell. Fresh water river with an interesting drive through bush land to get there. Just the shot for Sunday afternoon drivers or a picnic.

That's Right - it's an aeroplane.

For those interested, and those who were just wondering, that strange contrivance seen flying over the settlement the last couple of days is actually an aeroplane, called an AIRTRUK, It has gone into operation on the Darwin-Gove run and will become quite a familiar sight.

Vital statistics:-

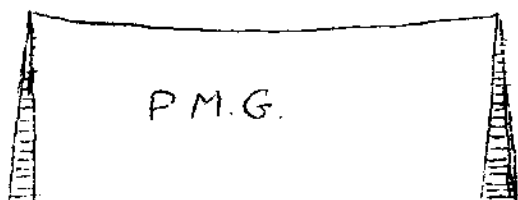
- 300 HP Rolls Royce Continental motor
- 110 knots
- 6 hours endurance
- 1 Ton payload
- 300 yards take-off run
- 80 yards landing (doesn't matter if it is not on an airstrip, a paddock does just as well).

It is actually an agricultural aircraft, wholly produced in Australia by TRANSAVIA. It's general construction is somewhat reminiscent of a Sherman tank - it even looks like one. It shares a common feature with a Jumbo-jet, i.e. it has two decks, one an eyrie for the pilot and a passenger and the other for cargo and/or more passengers.

Want to buy one? It's only \$29,000.

Marine Corner.

Darwin is obviously a sellers market - did you see the prices those Fisheries cutters went for? One brought \$2,000 odd and the other \$1,600. There is still one at Maningrida awaiting a proud owner. It's open for inspection: (mind the croc pen, though). Don't wait for the market to depress, act now.



J.H.
The acorns are going up now. In about 3 weeks we should be able to "ring up"

Inter Town Games

Results:

Saturday - Football: Maningrida 15.19.109 defeated Milingimbi 11.21.87
Red and white Midgets won.
Red and white Colts won!!!!

Basketball: Milingimbi 48 defeated Maningrida 35

Sunday - Football: (Midgets) Red and white 13.18.96 defeated
Black and white 13. 9.87.

Monday - Football: Milingimbi 14.14.98 defeated Maningrida 11.14.86

Saturday's Football: Both teams took the field eagerly awaiting the umpire cum drink-man. From the first whistle good football and tremendous cheering from the big crowd were on. Milingimbi adapted to the hard dry conditions and took a well earned three goal lead at half time. Maningrida successfully used the wind in the third quarter. This together with well directed kicks put them on top. Thanks to several mis-directed kicks from Milingimbi, Maningrida went on to faster victory against the renowned Milingimbi. This was one of the toughest and best games ever seen at Maningrida.

Saturday's Basketball: Sweet revenge had Milingimbi who must surely be rated close to tops in Basketball. Maningrida had no answer to Milingimbi's quick forward movement and continuous attack on the basket. Again big mobs spurred on both teams. Well done Milingimbi.

Monday's Football: Another big event for the people of Maningrida and again they turned out in force. Maningrida went to an early lead at quarter time 4-3 to 1-2. Milingimbi came back strongly with 5 goals to Maningrida's 1 to lead by 4 points at half time. Milingimbi were handling the damp ball better. The thriller began with the fourth quarter when both teams were level at 8.11. Neck and neck they galloped from one end of the field to the other. Finally the fitness of Milingimbi prevailed and they were leading by 3 goals when an unfortunate incident stopped play just short of full time. Let's hope it never happens again.

A big thanks to Milingimbi for their return trip. Yak-ai to the big mobs who turned up to see the games: it's only half a game without you. Thank you to all the people at Maningrida who helped (some at considerable inconvenience to themselves) to make the trip such a successful one.

Progress scores for best and fairest next week.

Local Basketball

Kupanga after leading 38 to 24 at half time just scraped home to win 53/50 against Eagles. Lucky and Jim had a field day in the first half scoring 30 between them. James found the basket in the second half and pulled Eagles to within a few points of Kupanga, Lucky came back with some good shots to give Kupanga the win.

Cadell River defeated Chalkies 52/38 in a crafty game. Chalkies defence in the first half was really good and kept the scoring down, but in the second half Big Billy got to many rebounds and Chalkies just couldn't catch up.

Basketball Notices:-

All teams, please note your own players and make sure they have not played for some other team in the first round.

Working bee: Saturday morning - all basketballers be at the tennis court to pull the wire down so that work can start on a new basketball court.

Last night's play: Cadell defeated Eagles 42-36. Eagles were in the front for a while but Cadell got a few under the basket and ended up on top.

Chalkies were soundly defeated by Kupanga. It was a good thing they only fielded half a team or Chalkies would not have seen the ball.

ANZAC DAY

Each year a small number of people gather for the dawn service - almost all balandas. Many of us feel that this is unfortunate because many aboriginal people have first-hand experience of the Japanese attacks on North Australia.

During 1942 Micky Jundaingu (Mavis' father) and an uncle from Rolling Bay sailed with Mr. Kyle-Little to Milinginbi, and then walked on to Yirrkala. They were on the beach when a Japanese plane flew over. Micky was quickly off the sand and up into the little creek which runs nearby. The uncle was slower and when the bomb fell near the beach, he was killed.

Ngardiyn and several Gunavidji and Gunbalang people were camping at Rolling Bay at this time and saw a Japanese and an Australian plane have a dog fight in the sky above them. The Japanese plane was shot down.

A lot of Blyth River people were in Darwin when the bombing took place - Harry Mulunbuk, Big Barney, Jacky Miribanga, etc. Barney Baybananga can give a vivid description of planes machine-gunning Darwin. Many others saw the ruined buildings.



Silas served in the Army. Peter Sakandra, Jacky 16-Mile, and Harry Jawudi were over at Mataranka helping the army who were helping to build the Stuart Highway. Peter points to his arms where 2 stripes used to be and says: "You call me corporal!"

So it is felt that an observance, perhaps in mid morning on a day near to Anzac Day, would be much more effective. Mr. Williams, the headmaster, says that the school would be very happy to have an open assembly and invite the whole community to attend next year.

How Hospital-Jimmy began to work at the hospital

In earlier days Jimmy Gulerawuna and Tomny Wadaminya started to walk from Blyth River to Darwin.

"When we came to cross the Maningrida creek, there was somebody. When I walked over to see, there was a Welfare man. His name was Mr. Drysdale. I used to know him before. I said to Tomny Wadaminya: 'He is a Welfare man.' Mr. Drysdale said to me: 'Jimmy, I want you to help my missus. Will you?' I said: 'Yes, I will.' He said: 'Can you help with work in the hospital?' It was very hard when I started work at the hospital - teaching the strange people. That was in 1959-61. Then I left the hospital at Maningrida and went away to Darwin where I worked with the army for 12 months. Later I returned to Maningrida and was working at the hospital in the period 1964-65."

Jimmy Gulerawuna.

Cats in the kitchen going to Corroboroe in Heaven.

When the new kitchen was opened, its neat appearance was sometimes spoiled by broken louvres and torn fly wire. Children were often blamed. The real breakers, however, were mostly cats. They used to climb up the asbestos covered hot water pipe to the roof and then come in through the fan at the top of the canopy over the stove.

If meat had been taken out of the freezer to thaw they would bite their way into it. They damaged the windows and fly wire trying to get out. So the kitchen staff had to make war on cats.



Some cat lovers were not too happy about this. Mary Mitchell, who is a kind local patron for all cats, tells kitchen supervisor Bill Armstrong: "Those pussy cats have gone to a big pussy cat corroboroe in heaven, - 6 more have gone this months - it's a secret one ... no balanda can see that one."

New Forestry Mechanic

Mr. and Mrs. John Fraser from Cairns in Queensland arrived yesterday and are living in Mary and John Sine's home. John will be the senior motor mechanic for Forestry.

He has brought a pedigree alseation dog - a really good locking dog and the biggest on the Settlement now.

WEEKEND DUTIES: Duty Officer: Mr Edward Carey
Duty Sister: Sister Ena Pickersgill
Nightwatchman: Mr Jack John

STAR THEATRE: Friday: *Should come on today's plane.
See notice board.*

CHURCH: Third Sunday after Easter.

9.30 a.m. Sunday Schools "Christ the Light."

7.30 p.m. Evening Service. Mr George Winunguj.
Film: "The faith of Yuan Tai."

Thursday 7.30 p.m. Fellowship.

The water snake called "Manug" (in Maung) sees very well in the water. He travels along with eyes wide open. When he gets out of the water, he has to shut his eyes - can't keep them open. He goes back into the water, opens his eyes and can see again.

Sometimes we are like the water snake out of water. We can't see the truth about our life with the eyes of our mind.

The word of Jesus has power to open our minds to see.

R/INF/LL: 97 points.

PEOPLE:

On Monday after playing football for the Maningrida team, Mr Harold Roberts took the chance to fly to Elcho and then on to Gove where he expected to take up his job as a plant operator. Rosie is caring for his baby boy Damien.

Sister Maija has had to do a lot of reading for the infant welfare course - "going non stop." With another sister she has been visiting 'baby' clinics on the Northern side of Sydney. Some balanda parents there are very good but some are in a real mess and Maningrida people have only half the problems they face.

Mr and Mrs Dan Pollard left Maningrida on Wednesday (Conair running 7½ hours late) for Darwin where Dan will take up his position as catering ^{Sup.} Dan first came to Maningrida in 1965 for a short time, went South and then returned to work here in May 1969. We send our best wishes with them. Margaret says that she is going to miss the view from her home here.

Mrs Lyn Watson and Helen of Bulman, have been here this week. Helen had a boil on her eyelid and needed medical attention while Lyn was busy packing up their belongings so that the house would be available for other people to move in. They expect to return to Bulman shortly.

Mr. John Godawa ^{Sen.} returned yesterday from a holiday at Goulburn Is.
Mr. Silas Roberts came home the other day after spending some time with Rev. Lazarus Lamilani at Croker Is. Silas was on annual leave.
Mr. Tommy Yibberal went into Darwin on Monday to have a trouble maker tooth dealt with by the dentist.

Last week a buffalo made the mistake of wandering in too close to the Settlement. Well known hunter, Mr. Jockey - BundaBunda soon caught up with him and that was the end of the buffalo. This week Jockey took off for Croker.

Mr. Rhys/Reece/Rees Thomas spent a few days at Maningrida and has now gone on to Timor.

New staff to arrive at Maningrida, and to be reported more fully on, are Mr. and Mrs. Walter and family (Fisheries mechanic) and Mr. Maurice Wells assistant Saw Mill manager.

Maningrida Mirage

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