

# MANINGRIDA MIRAGE



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## SILAS GOES TO THE TOP

While in Sydney last week for the monthly meeting of the old people's homes committee, Silas heard that he had been chosen to see the Prime Minister in Canberra. He almost fell backwards when he heard the news. Soon, however, he was on the way to Canberra with Charlie Perkins where he joined the rest of the delegation. Mr. Wentworth, Pastor Doug Nicholls and Miss Moy.

They spent an hour with the Prime Minister at Parliament House. Charlie read a statement and then each of them made comments. Silas was very impressed with Mr. Gorton. He listened patiently and with interest.

Some of the points made to the Prime Minister:

Mining "We feel that there should be a nation wide embargo (do not allow) on prospecting by non-Aboriginal companies on Aboriginal reserves for at least 20 years .... so that Aboriginal groups themselves could be organised for active prospecting; and they could hire the services of professional consultants."

Housing "We commend the Commonwealth for its increasing grants for housing ..... adequate housing helps to solve some of the health and education problems of Aborigines.

We ask for a larger allocation for housing each year to take account not only of the backlog but also the increasing need caused by the Aboriginal population increase."

### Land Rights.

"We wish to draw to the attention of the Prime Minister the great need for tribal Aborigines to have the security of a home base. To the tribal Aboriginal land is the backbone.

We feel that, regardless of the outcome of the Gove case, there should be developed a concerted policy of securing sufficient land for the use of all tribal Aborigines.

It is not enough simply to reserve ... land for Aborigines. The land must be developed. We deplore the ... crowding of Aborigines into missions and settlements ... in north and central Australia ... leaving the reserves themselves largely undeveloped."

### Legislation

"We commend the Prime Minister for his stand on insisting that all discriminatory legislation against Aborigines will be repealed within the life of the present Parliament."

### Attitudes to Aborigines

"We consider the recent statement of His Holiness, Pope Paul VI to be an outstanding statement of ethics: 'We know that you have a life style proper to your ethnic genius or culture... The church proclaims that you, like all other ethnic minorities, have all human and civic rights... The common good never can be used legitimately as a pretext to harm the positive values of your particular way of life. You and the values which you represent are precious.' "

# HOME on the Range.

If there's one thing they don't have to worry about at Bulman its the noisy neighbourhood Christmas parties. Just the soft rustle of buffalo contentedly chewing up the fencing and the occasional dingo gone beserk with the loneliness. They even had to put up signposts to show the galahs the way out.

Still, things look pretty good down there. Danny & Lynn's little donga looks bright and cheerful whilst the area surrounding it is rapidly becoming a show-piece, even sports a fish pond. If the Wilton overflows its banks they won't even have to stock it.

The area is a beautiful, lush green, tons of water lying around, and the river is running about 2' deep. The big paddock is finished - 14 miles around it, and the men are going to start spreading Townsville Stylo in some areas. The buffalo have all headed for the hills now that the rains have come, whilst the horses and cattle are rapidly picking up condition.

David Gulpilil and some of his Beswick friends came up to Maningrida for Christmas, whilst Danny and Lyn are coming up for the New Year. Fred Milmilkama has gone to Mainoru to collect his new bride.

We wish everyone at Bulman all the best for Christmas and New Year.

## Grist for the Mill.



We welcome to Maningrida, Mr. Brendan Horne, who comes to us straight from ASOPA (The Australian School of Pacific Administration).

Brendan is a Patrol Officer Trainee who has completed 6 months of his two year course at ASOPA. Instead of a vacation this year, he gets to visit Maningrida where he has to complete a series of assignments on various topics, associated with his studies. He will return to Sydney in time for the resumption of lectures, in February.

Brendan has not worked in the Territory as yet, but visited, with a group of his fellow-students, earlier this year. He did not come to Maningrida but toured some other settlements, including Snake Bay and Bamyili.

Besides his studies, his interests are cricket and football, and his immediate ambition of course is to graduate from ASOPA. In this regard we wish him all the best.

For those who do not know, all Patrol Officers must successfully complete a course of study at ASOPA prior to taking up full duties. This used to be one year, but was increased to 18 months, and is now to be 2 years. Fourteen subjects are prescribed, including anthropology, law, psychology and public administration. There are currently 11 officers from the N.T. in attendance, most of whom have worked up here with the Welfare before. There are hundreds of students at ASOPA, mainly teacher trainees for New Guinea. Some of the lecturers will be well-known to some of us. These include Mr. Kevin Flynn and Mr. J. E. Le Maire, formerly Alice Springs Magistrate.



Weekend Duties:

Duty Officer: Mr. Bert Ryan

Duty Sister: Sister Helen

Nightwatchmen:

Star Theatre:

Saturday: "Where the Spies are"

Monday: "HAITARI"

Church Notices:

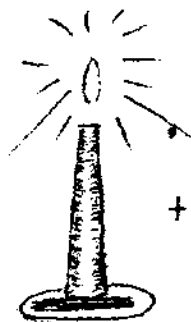
Christmas Day

9 a.m. Christmas Service and  
Nativity play

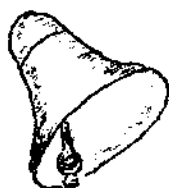
Sunday after Christmas

9.30 a.m. Sunday School "God in the flesh"

7.30 p.m. Evening Service



the light  
has  
come.



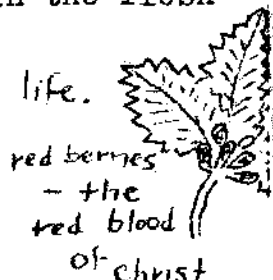
Joy to the World



green leaves - Everlasting life.



Eternity.



red berries  
- the  
red blood  
of christ

Births

Queen Rinkam daughter of Judith (Sweetie) Jowuba.  
The name is Judith's choice.

Barry - a son born to Dorcas and Jerry Jirriminmin,  
in the bush on 22.12.70. Gunwinggu,

The Pestilence

Jim Pickersgill has been laid low with hepatitis, and Barry Tuite, after being off colour for a week, is getting that yellowish look. Anne Ennis has recovered and is back in circulation again. Milingimbi, Elcho Isld and Yirrkala have all been visited by the pestilence earlier on. Some think that most Aboriginal people build up an immunity to it (don't get this sickness).

People.

On Saturday, a bright healthy young Eddy returned after a long time away in the Adelaide Hospital. The doctors in Adelaide said that he has an interesting heart.

The relaxed atmosphere of the Star Theatre was once again disturbed by 'angry young men' on Friday night, when a fight developed. Their anger or cheekiness arose over 'affairs of the heart' which took them and a couple of girls off to Blyth River recently. Following this disturbance it looked as though pictures and Happy club would be off - next evening. Fortunately the Law arrived on Connair on Saturday afternoon. When the Law returned to Darwin on Monday, they had several companions - men who had tried to celebrate Christmas prematurely and fighting men!

Mr. Wally Wuleynbama, who helps Rev. Jack Goodluck write Sunday school lessons for Arnhemland Churches, is visiting Maningrida this week. His home is really in Yirrkala. His grandfather (mother's father) is that much photographed and much written about man, Wonggu. He was a legendary husband who managed a family of over twenty wives. He must have been a good manager. Anyway, at this stage, Wally is a single man.

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Wishing all our readers a Happy Christmas.

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# Football.

by Jim Cooper.

Well, fellows, just to let you all know, that there's going to be football matches during Christmas holidays. I do hope you'll all turn up because this is your chance to keep yourself fit and ready for the coming year. And I'd like to let all the Blyth River boys know that we'll be forming our own football and basketball represented teams. So I'd really deeply appreciate if all the boys from Blyth River areas would turn up, meeting on the New Year's day. So please, fellows, do turn up, because it's very important to you all and even for all our future footballers and basketballers. In fact, a couple of fellows have already asked me what we're going to do during this coming Easter holidays and including any special holidays coming to us.

Anyhow, I'd like all the Maningrida footballers and myself most gratefully to accept young Wally Wulaynbuma of Yirrkala in our football club. I suppose you've all seen Wally, how he handles the ball, and his beautiful "drop kick"; in fact, Wally and I played with Parap-Wanderers a couple of years back when Old Jack La combe was coaching them. And I hope he stays here longer, because I want him to give you some of his football advice, when he was down south. So I wonder if all the footballers from both sides will be turning up during our football match and give Wally our very warm "Welcome", here, at Maningrida, and very best of luck when he goes back to his people at Yirrkala and wherever he may go.

Anyhow, all you Waratahs footballers, please do turn up in time and, please, in your full football gear. We don't want our visitors to think or go back and tell their team mates what a miserable lot of footballers and basketballers are at Maningrida. So please, all the footballers, from both sides, do turn up in your football gear.

And I'd like to thank Mr. John Wilders very much on behalf of all the Maningrida footballers for building our dressing shed. I do hope all the footballers do deeply appreciate Mr. Wilders' effort, building our little dressing shed.

Anyhow, fellows, on last week Saturday we started to play with sixteen men on each side, because "Tahs" again didn't turn up with their eighteen men on the field, and I hope this won't happen again. The best players were: Tim Darcy, who played a very solid game on the centre-half-forward for Magpies and he kicked five goals. This young lad, he's only very young, but has got guts and has a very strong kick, and he's going to be very dangerous for other footballers from other settlements and missions in the near future. Another young lad is Lucky, who played in the full-back for Magpies. This boy, as you all know, has got a ton of guts and he's not frightened to get hurt when he goes to get the ball. And he has played senior games with Parap-Wanderers this year in Darwin. Two other good players were: Wally, our special guest, from Yirrkala. He played a very good game for Waratahs in the full-forward and also in the ruck. And, in fact, some of the people, including the footballers, got a surprise when they saw him drop-kicking a ball from centre line to the full-forward line. Another good clean footballer was George Wayarka; he played a very clean game on Saturday for Waratahs, on the centre-half-forward line, and also as ruck rover.



Well, fellows, just to remind you again, - please turn up on time, - 3 p.m.

Training Tuesday and Thursday.

J.C.

## Million Dollars.

Since the Store began to operate in 1964, records have been kept of the monies <sup>received</sup> for goods and during the past week this reached a total of one million dollars. Quite a lot of tucker and goods!

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