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CAPTAIN COOK AND MANINGRIDA CUBS AT BOTANY BAY

Two hundred years ago last Wednesday, Captain James Cook landed on the shores of Botany Bay. He had set out from England in the vessel, Endeavour some 20 months earlier on a voyage which was to prove as consequential as any since Columbus landed in the Americas.

The 'Endeavour' not much bigger and certainly not so well equipped as the average tuna vessel carried a crew of 71 plus 12 marines, 11 scientists, including the illustrious Joseph Banks and an assemblage of stores and equipment for a voyage of 18 months. In fact the voyage was to last 35 months and only 57 of the men who set out returned to England.

The landing at Botany Bay was not all propitious. The party was resisted by two aborigines who threw spears at them before making off into the scrub. Joseph Banks was unimpressed by the desolate aspect of the country which consisted largely of scrub, sand dunes and swamp. Cook was a little more enthusiastic and thought that it might be suitable for settlement. He greatly admired the courage displayed by the aborigines who had faced his party of 40 men. We know that he was most disappointed that he was never able to establish close contact with the aborigines and he certainly bore no malice towards to them.

After leaving Botany Bay the 'Endeavour' sailed up the East coast until she arrived at the Great Barrier Reef. This playground of today, with its myriad islets and delightful resorts, held no pleasure for Cook's men. Even Banks overlooked his pre-occupation with nature and things scientific in anxiety of perishing. "It is a wall of rock" he wrote, "rising perpendicularly out of the unfathomable ocean, always overflowed at high water, generally seven or eight feet, and dry in places at low water. The large waves of the vast ocean, meeting with so sudden a resistance, make a terrible surf, breaking mountains high.

Eventually the 'Endeavour' struck a reef; fortunately she was able to limp to land where she was careened for repairs. Cook claimed the country for the Crown, first naming it 'New Holland' but then as an afterthought he called it 'New South Wales'. He sailed on, re-discovering Torres Strait, virtually forgotten and considered non-existent since Torres sailed through in 1606.

So we remember the origins of modern Australia. Our Maningrida Cubs who have this week stood on the shores of Botany Bay have a lot in common with Captain Cook. They too presage the winds of change. It is also their responsibility to chart new paths, not of continents, but of a new life.

J. HUNTER

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NOTE: 5 Cubs (Charlie, Ronnie, Ningle, Luke and Horace) and their leader (Charlie Godjuwa) are in Sydney for 2 weeks as guests of the Cronulla group and will attend the Bi-centenary celebrations of Cook's Landing.
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This is the first Mirage printed with the new Gestetner and we hope that from hereon you will suffer less eye strain in reading its pages. We are very grateful for the interest of Sister Ann Groothuis in speaking to many groups about Maningrida and for the Ipswich Rotoract Club who responded, by sending a large quantity of second hand clothes to the Superintendent- making possible the purchase of a Gestetner.

FROM THE NEWSPAPERS.

CHINA LAUNCHES SATELLITE.

China this week entered the space age when it launched it's first satellite. Peking Radio announced the launching in a jubilant communique on Saturday. It said the satellite was orbiting the earth every 114 mins and was broadcasting the song "The East is red ". American scientists said that the rocket which sent the satellite into orbit could drop a nuclear warhead on Russia, but could not power an ICBM. They said an ICBM payload was much heavier than the 380lb Chinese satellite. America's largest ICBM , The Titan II carries a payload of 8000 lbs.

EISTEDDFOD NEWS.

The top Aboriginal choir at this years Eisteddfod has been invited to compete at the Sydney Eisteddfod in September. The City of Sydney Eisteddfod would meet all transport and accomodation costs for the choir. The choir could be either an adults or childrens choir but ~~will~~ this will depend on the adjudicators decision . It is believed that Aboriginal choirs compare more than favourably with choirs in the capital cities.

THE ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN.

Giant footprints of a creature thought to be the abominable snowman have been found high in the Himalayan Mountains by a British expedition team. The animal was seen in clear moonlight at 20,000ft by one of the team using binocllars. The deputy leader of the team described the marks " as not those of a bear ".

SOUTH AFRICAN ELECTIONS.

The South African Prime Minister and his government were returned to power last week but with a reduced majority. Seats were lost to the less racist opposition party and the four seats held by the extreme right wing party were lost. The only openly anti-apartheid group retained it's single seat in parliament. Most of the two million whites eligible to vote did so. Fifteen million South African non-whites do not have voting rights.

SPORTS NEWS.

Bundari, the touring Aboriginal schoolboys football team, won another game last week. Playing in very wet conditions the boys defeated an A.C.T. Under 16 side 10.11 (71) to 1.4 (10). Ronald Dirdi from Oenpelli was voted the best player on the ground.

Lionel Rose has hurt his hand while training and may not be able to fight world ranked Mexican Raul Cruz. He was to have fought in Los Angeles on May 16th. He broke a bone in his hand last year while defending his world championship against Alan Budkin.

A CHANGE for the BETTER

Since the opening of the new store, 2 months ago, there has been a radical change in Maningrids' eating habits.

This change has been closely studied and because it is being maintained, does not appear to be a passing phase.

Flour sales have dropped 50% (unbelievable to many, but figures are available to prove same. Sugar sales by 33% and 'cake' (tinned

pudding) by 50%. Couples with cigarettes and tobacco, neither of which have dropped a cent) these items used to account for a large slice of the foodstuffs takings.

Weekly sales

Old Store (1st. Jan to 1st. March)

New Store (2nd March on).

<u>Flour</u> (packets)	60ctns (120 doz.)	30 ctns. (60 doz.)
drums.	32	14
(This does not include flour used for bread making)		
<u>Sugar.</u>	1½ tons (2,800 lbs)	1,165 lbs.

Why is this so?

Partly because of the fresh fish available and the constant availability of considerable quantities of fresh fruits (in the days before the cool room was installed fruit was available for about 10 days in 30.

But more to the point - a wider range of foodstuffs are on display and there is a constant supply on hand.) Our customers, like those of any place, are becoming more selective and are trying new foods.

Very substantial increases have been apparent in the sales of milk, rice, breakfast foods, butter and jam (thanks to the increased supply of kitchen bread), eggs, and that ever popular commodity, biscuits

Increase in turnover

Based on the previous financial year, the turnover per week has shown an increase of 50% over the past 2 months, since moving into the new store. This increase has been gradually apparent over the past 8 or 9 months, but markedly so, since the store opening on March 7th. Since

then an immediate and maintained increase of 30% has been effective. Approximately 20% of this is seen in the clothing and hardware depts. the remaining 10% in foodstuffs.

G.B.

Items from Elcho News and Views.

"No films arrived via Connellans last Tuesday; no film will be screened Friday night. Film for next Saturday - Walt Disney's "The Great Locomotive Chase" a good film for all the family.

15 Basketballers flew to Milingimbi to play on Saturday.

A timber company in Sweden has put into service a fully automated sawmill in which a computer decides how best to cut each log and then directs the bandsaws to make the appropriate cuts. The 60" bandsaws can process a log in 27 secs. (..Wot Ho Kevin!

Basketball

In the first game on Thursday, the bold Dugongs from the bottom of the ladder held top team Kiwis down to lead 16-12 at half time. In the second half however, Kiwis pulled the stops out to defeat Dugongs 42-25. In the second half, all Kiwis played well. Best for Dugongs were Mickey, David and Willy.

In the second game, Hawks and Gorillas met. At half time, Gorillas led 27-26 thanks to Jim and Tom. In the second half Hawks proved too strong. Final score, Hawks 51-Gorillas 41.

Mon. Gorillas v Cadell to decide 4th. position.

Tues. 7.30p.m. Winner of Mon. game v Kiwis.

8.30p.m. Black Hawks v Demons.

Thurs. Winners of Thurs. games in Grand Final.

Starting Soon.

Bareknuckle Dry Season Championships.

Finals

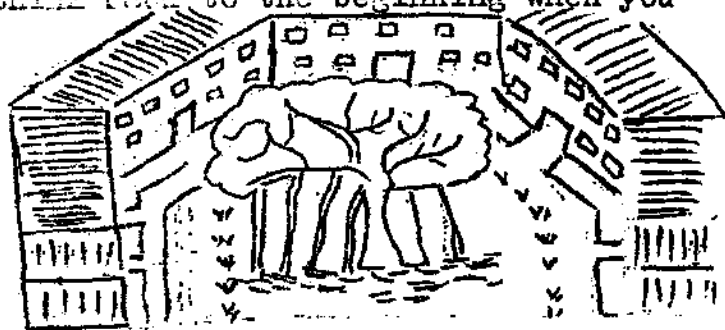
VISITORS FROM AFAR

by Jimmy Gulerwuna with a little help from ED.

Miss Kaye Hayes and Mr Russell Campbell belong to the Ecumenical Institute in Chicago - a type of lay order made up of people from all churches except the Greek Orthodox.

One of their basic propositions is that we all live out of 'images' of ourselves and the world about us. These 'images' of ourselves either enslave us eg. "The negro who hears people say he is lazy and good for nothing and accepts this and lives out of this image" - or else the images free us to take our place as responsible and free persons.

On Sunday we were talking about our life in this world. Miss Kaye Hayes spoke to us about the past and the future coming. She said "Aboriginal culture is given to your people. You have to live your life yourself," and she spoke about the memory of the old stories of the past. We have to bring the old stories and things belonging to the past, give them a meaning for our life today and for the future. We should bring the two together and fit them in together. She said that we need the old people and that children should not run away from their father and mother. She said "Sometime you can see good people and bad people, but you have to think for yourself, and to think of others as well. You have to think back to the beginning when you were born and your father was born.



Sacred Banyan tree at Melville Bay in the bush 1960. Landmark of the past - place where the dreaming ones came.

Sacred Banyan tree in courtyard of NABALCO Admin. H.Q. Landmark of the past heritage. The sign of present change, link with future development.

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PEOPLE:

Rosemary 'Roberts' is staying with her parents Rosie and Silas while her baby is recovering in Darwin hospital.

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Silas returned on Monday from a check up with the doctor in Darwin and a visit to Sydney. More about this later.

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Mr Dennis Puffett of Fisheries has been out on the job for a few days.

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Mrs Barbara Quick has arrived from Snake Bay. Welcome Mrs Quick.

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Miss Chris Kilham who taught people such as Joshua, Clare, Dulcie and Jill in 1963, has been awarded a scholarship to study for Ph.D in Linguistics at Canberra beginning in March 1971. Dr Chris! She has been working on the Wikmukan language at Arakun in QLD.

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Mrs Ennis returned home on Thursday with a brand new daughter. This now makes an evenly balanced family - 5 boys 5 girls.

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'The more energy you use the more you have.....'

The airstrip is becoming a regular training track for Maningrida's long distance runners. On most evenings after work, Eddy, Barry Tuite and

REPORT FROM THE MEETING OF THE MANINGRIDA COUNCIL.

HELD 20/4/70.

Councillor Burnyila said that he had collected \$48 to give to Billy Kiriya (who lost his wages earlier on) and that Billy was satisfied.

All the Councillors agreed to support Maningrida Open Day and an exhibition from Maningrida at the Darwin Show. There will be an admission fee of 50c. for adults, 10c. for children and old people free.

Councillor Les Midigura said he wanted money to send dancing men to Milingimbi but the Council decided that it was none of their business.

Councillor Wukkawukka asked if an ice box could be bought for the fishermen at Navy Landing. It was resolved that the President should make an application to the Benefits Trust for help.

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Councillor Madarma said that George Barawala had taken Kathleen, wife of Jumbo Wungi, when she went to Darwin with her sick child. It was decided to contact Mr. Les Wilson at Bagot to have Kathleen sent back to Maningrida.

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It was suggested that Councillors were not meeting enough with their own people. The President said that Councillors must make a greater effort to pass on Council matters to their groups. This was very important.

MEETING OF 28.4.70.

Toby Malagaliya said that two Gunwinggu Councillors did not want to be Councillors anymore. They were Silas Binjuluba and Oscar Nalawid. The President said that they must give up their uniforms.

Councillor Riala wanted to know what was happening about timber (needed for housing). No one knew. The Secretary was told to write to Darwin and Canberra to find out.

Ray Munyal said that he was sick and tired of the Jinang people. He said that he was going to Bulman in 6 weeks to build the stock yard.

The Council discussed the need for a policeman at Maningrida. He could explain how to keep order among the people.

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Darwin,
1st May 1970.

The Editor,
Maningrida Mirage.

A VERY GOOD EFFORT

During a recent visit to Maningrida I observed the fishing effort by the groups catching fish for sale throughout the Cooperative Store.

This is to congratulate all those concerned in the enterprise which at the time of my visit was providing a good supply of fresh fish to the Store.

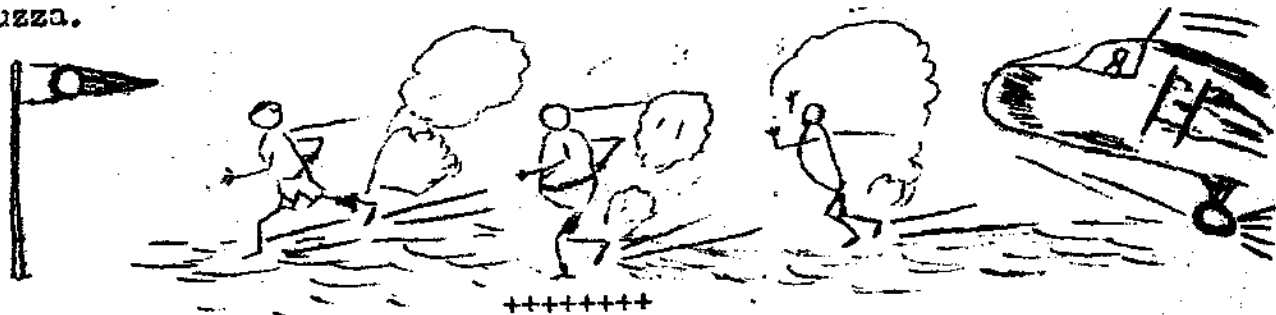
To the fishermen in particular I would say this is A VERY GOOD EFFORT.

Yours faithfully,
Dennis F. Puffet.
N.T. FISHERIES OFFICER.

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Tom Hole can be seen moving steadily up and down perhaps nine lanes or more. Then there are those 2 veteran cross country runners Bob Cross and Ray Buzza.



" BUNGALIN BUNGALIN "

By Peter Banjurljurl and
Jack (Nace) Banamborali.

Twenty dancers have gone to Milinginbi and will do the Bungalin-Bungalin dances. These really come from Beswick.

Sometimes we dance 'barramundi'. We go around in a circle and as so as the clapsticks stop and then hit once, we fall down on our fingers and move around looking for the barramundi. This is the story of three blokes who went hunting and saw barramundi in a billabong. They looked down, but the fish hid themselves in the lilies. Then one boy was feeling around with his hand and touched the barramundi and said 'He's here!' Another man brought the fish wire and soon they were eating fish.

Buffalo: Jack of Banyili was riding his horse on the plain and saw buffalo eating grass. He made up the song himself. We go round in a circle in this dance.

Strong Wind - Dry Season Wind: Jack also made this dance. Its a "fast one clapstick and fast one bamboo, and fast one circle around". Then we all stop and only 2 men dance in the ring while the rest clap. That is the wind.

Black Crow: Paddy Fordham was working a bulldozer for forestry out from Maningrida while Peter B. was working with a fire break team. After we had dinner in the bush and had gone back to work, I (Peter) saw that black bird come to the tree where we ate our dinner. Then he jumped in the dirt and ate bread and jumped about as he ate. Peter said to Paddy "Look that bird is eating bread" Paddy said "Yes I'll make a dance and corroboree."

(ED While at Nangalaja I saw Paddy do this dance. Others like George Nulumba and Jim Jilming said but Paddy was the main dancer - strutting and wagging his head and holding a tuft of black crow feathers in his hand. He danced with evident enjoyment for the whole afternoon and at 5pm seemed as fresh as he was at 1pm.)

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The Post Office: It is now assured that the Post Office will commence at Maningrida on the 1st July 1970, it will be of humble origin and will not present by any means full postal facilities. However we believe it to be a step in the right direction, and that increased facilities will be granted with the passage of time.

Details re mail both ordinary and registered, stamps telegrams etc, will be published when this advice becomes available from the District Postal Manager's office. Mrs Bagshaw will attend the R.A.A.F. base Darwin a couple of days late in June for training purposes. It is firmly intended that any and all monies accruing from the Postal work be paid to the Progress Association and not to any individuals so perhaps your important telegram will contribute to the amenities of Maningrida.



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TUESDAY:

What a night! The main point of interest was not the basketball but the fights being staged in the immediate area of the court. The first fight got under way at 7.30 p.m. sharp, under the swings. Our boxing correspondent assures me that this was an affair of the heart. When this excitement had died down it was generally agreed that a game of basketball should be held. This was done.

Cadell met Demons in an exciting match. The lead changed hands several times, Demons scoring the winning point right at the whistle. Demons 28 - Cadell 27. Best for Cadell was Jimmy, who weighs several pounds less having removed his beard; for Demons Dick Smith, Terry and some excellent goal shooting from Captain.

The game being over another fight was in order which Cadell & Demons were quick to supply. After much heated exchange, this was adjourned to an invitation-only brawl in the camp.

The second game, between Chalkies (those twinkle footed terrors) and Crocodiles was punctuated by a much more exciting battle which commenced in the schoolyard. After considerable debate and traditional exchanging of friendly punches this fight (which my informant tells me was another affair of the heart) was adjourned to a more dignified locale - beside the church. While the ground was harder this manouver at least placed the combatants within the reach of higher powers should anything go amiss. There were cries of "foul" when one contestant's mother appeared with an axe handle. Meanwhile back at the basketball Chalkies were defeated 28 - 18 by the Crocs. Chalkies wisely forfeited the post game fight.

Next week the finals commence. You are advised to bring your own boxing gloves and crash helmet.

CONNELLANS' NEW SCHEDULE

	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tues</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thurs</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>
DARWIN	9.15	7.40	10.15	12.30	10.15	0.700
MGDA	10.55	9.10	11.55	14.25	11.55	0.945
DARWIN	1300	1115	1405	1700	1405	1630

* Planes on Monday & Wednesday are later than they used to be.

** On Saturday the afternoon plane from Darwin has been cut out.

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DUTY Duty Officer at Weekend: Maybe Dan. Watson.
Duty Sister at Weekend : Sat. & Sun. Sister Helen. Monday - Sis. Maija

Star Theatre : Friday night for sure.

Church Notices

Sunday 9.30 a.m. All Age Sunday School "Christ Our High Priest"
7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

BIRTHS

Brady - son of Nancy Bandiana and Frank Garmanamana. Only 2 lbs. of Burada. Born on Monday 27th.

Cecilia - daughter of Nellie Nambayana and Leo Wurdjal.
Manhangu. Born on Anzac Day.

DEATHS

Dowiti - suddenly at Milingimbi on Wednesday 29th April. Dowiti was a well known bark painter who used to paint the story of the Wawilak sisters. Onke of these barks sold for \$125 at the Adelaide Exhibition last November. He used to bring his young wife Agnes over to see her parents at Maningrida a couple of times each year. He was a quiet and gentle person and was a friend of the French artist Karl Kupka, author of "The Dawn of Art."

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