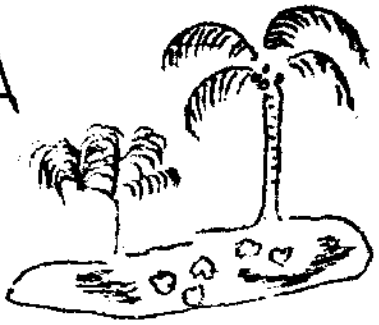
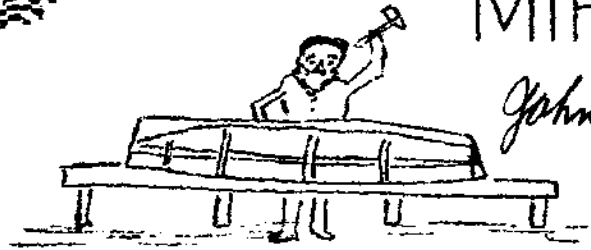




# MANINGRIDA MIRAGE



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## MANINGRIDA AT THE SHOW

At the Winnellie Showground there is a large pavilion measuring about 60' x 20' - really a Sidney Williams Hut - in which the Welfare Branch stages an exhibition each year.

Earlier on, the Director asked if Maningrida would accept the responsibility for this year's display. The Progress Association considered the request and agreed to do so. Preparations are now under way.

People coming into an exhibition of this kind are always attracted by large clear photos, and so it is proposed to photograph aspects of the life of the Settlement and display these along the walls - along with a large sketch of the Maningrida beach scene. A Government photographer and an art adviser are expected to arrive shortly.

Mr. Peter Williams has undertaken the overall responsibility for organising the main display at Winnellie and will be assisted by Councillor Tommy Ibaral in uniform, Sea Scouts Jim Walbara and Assistant Cub Master Charlie Godjuwa. Mr. Mick Magani is eagerly gathering bark to demonstrate the ancient art of bark painting and Sister Sandra Stacey has offered to supervise the sales of craft work.

In the Annexe adjoining the pavilion there will be a live display. Mr Willy Djakarla will be making a traditional dugout canoe at one end, then Mr Dave Fryer with a group of boys will be working on a partially completed "Heron" sailing boat in the centre, and a completed "Heron" will stand at the end of the line. The walls of the annexe will display pictures of men in canoes and boats sailing and fishing, etc.

The overall theme will be "Youth and New Development".

## GOING WEST:

The Commonwealth Gazette, that impersonal chronicle of triumphs, tragedies and trivia, contains the names of two well-known Maningrida staff members. Messrs Ray Buzza and Bob Eggers are promoted out of their respective jobs and are to join the Department of Labour and National Service. They will become Vocational Officers with a direct responsibility to "provide assistance for Aborigines in areas of Aboriginal population. Stimulate employment opportunities for Aborigines to facilitate their entry into the work force. Liase and co-operate with local Aboriginal Welfare authorities and similar organisations."

Ray has been appointed to Albany, W.A. and Bob - wait for it - to Port Headland in the heartland of the western mining country.

Both will be sorely missed at Maningrida, but as we cannot offer to double their wages if they stay, so they must go.

J.H.

## Lost at Sea.

Anyone seen some floor boards or perhaps the spare gaff of a boat?

A reward of \$500 or a return trip to Sawmill beach is offered by Strands for the return of same. Lost from the submerged vessel anchored off Hookworm Beach on Wednesday.

WEEKEND DUTY OFFICER : Mr. Barry Tuite.  
WEEKEND DUTY SISTER : Sister Ena Pickers gill.  
STAR THEATRE : Friday - "The Garden of Evil".

CHURCH SERVICES.

Sunday : 9.30 am " The Holy Spirit sends messenges ". Sunday School.  
7.30 pm Holy Communion.

Father Corry will visit Maningrida next week and will celebrate Mass at 5 pm on Thursday and 6.30 am on Friday.

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BIRTHS.

Rodney : Nellie Gurawalwal and Bill Biriya Biriya, 15th May.  
Robert ; Son for Kitty Walanba and Robert Wukkawukka, 23rd May.  
Bob born to Alma and Oscar Nalawid , in Darwin, 22nd May.

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AN IRREGULAR SCHOLAR.

The record cards of some children were being examined this week, and it was discovered that a scholar on the school roll was listed on the hospital card as "died 1965 ", this was a true story. A sister discussed this extraordinary discovery with a teacher and so they had another look at the school card - " Not very interested in school " !!!

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PEOPLE.

John Baya arrived on Tuesday morning from Snake Bay to join the Works Force builders.

Tex Forrest flew in from Roper River to spend some time with his wife Rosemary (Roberts).

The family of Councillor Jacky Mace Banambirili ( including H'alan ) have returned to Milingimbi to live.

We welcome Miss Erica Ilyn , a new teacher to Maningrida. She was taking in the cooler weather at Brisbane before coming north.

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While in Darwin

Dennis and Val Strand saw Pam and Laurie the two trainee nurses. They were both happy and bright and enjoying life in Darwin but both are really looking forward to coming home next month. They were in the Prem. Baby nursery and Pam was to look after young Matthew.

Mavis was much happier and better. She is still quite thin but cheerful.

Charlie Mines was up from Wave Hill on holidays to buy himself a motor car.

Dennis saw the veteran N.T. schoolteacher, George Lee in the distance. He was disappearing into guess where - the Vic!

FOR  
SALE.

One 5,000 B.T.U. Westinghouse Air Conditioner  
P.O.A. R. Olsson.  
(P.O.A. means price will be given <sup>when</sup> you ask )

# ARAFURA

## DOLLARS AND CENTS.

The question has frequently been heard " what does the Co-op. do with its profits ".

It has built a \$20,000 store ( freehold) without the encumbrance of a bank overdraft, has increased by \$5,000 its stock holdings, and spent \$900 on capital equipment ( cash registers ) during the past 18 months.

The Co-op. is currently involved in building a residence, bearing in mind that as a private enterprise it does not qualify for a government dwelling, has in fact spent \$5,000 on same and has an approx. \$10,000 further commitment.

We are building 30 Aboriginal home units, and although rentals will return us our capital outlay, this will be long term, and our outlay will be significant.

Orders have been placed for building supplies for our bakery which will involve us in an expenditure approximating \$12,000 during the next 7 months.

The Co-op. employs the builders Mr. Cross and Mr. Pickersgill and the wage pay out incurred is of a direct responsibility of and debit against the Co-op.

We are supporting the current prospecting survey, to the extent of financing the prospecting licence in partnership with Goulburn Island.

If we are to continue the support necessary to our fishing, gardening and mining enterprises it is certain the Co-op. will need to purchase a vehicle, we cannot reasonably expect settlement vehicles to carry our burden.

G. B.

## BANKING.

As from Monday June 1st Mrs. Queenie Ennis will be the Savings Bank Agent. She will operate in the Carpenter's Shop Banking Chambers on Mondays and Tuesdays and Thursdays and Fridays from 3p.m. - 4.30 p.m.

## FIRST ARNHEM LAND PANCAKE EATING CONTEST.

We regret to announce that owing to overwhelming response applications for the pancake eating contest are now closed. However all who would like to witness the great scene and be surrounded by the aroma of freshly cooked pancakes, limes and sugar are cordially invited to attend.

The presence of any strong wristed males would be appreciated to squeeze limes.

The prizes are as follows :

1st	Avis Bathroom Scales
2nd	12 months supply of acne lotion
3rd	A lime squeezer (depending on who turns up - see above )

Time - 2 pm Saturday. All previous title holders in the event will be handicapped. Would pole contest organisers please note the presentation dinner will not be on the same evening.

E.G.

## ART PRIZEWINNER

Robin Guningbal has won the first prize in Darwin Art Society's Festival Exhibition - in the Bark Painting section - for his "Little Crocodile in the Mangroves". The prize is worth \$50. Charlie Gunbuna will receive a "Highly Commended" card for his "Boys in the Fishtrap".

## FROM THE NEWSPAPERS.

### HERE IS THE NEWS FROM THE A.B.C.

The Postmaster General, Mr. Hulme, admitted yesterday that he wanted a cut of \$500,000 in the A.B.C.'s budget allocation for next year. He confirmed that he had "suggested" that half the reduction should come from current affairs programmes such as "Four Corners" and "This Day Tonight", but he had changed his mind after talks with the A.B.C. Commissioners in Canberra.

The Darwin News in an editorial said that this was "a blatant attempt to make the A.B.C. an instrument of the State instead of the free reporting organ of the people who pay for it. Cabinet's about face under mounting protest and pressure doesn't conceal for a second the intention of Mr. Hulme's direction - a direction he would never have been game to make without the green light from his partners in suppression of the truth".

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### PICK A BOX.

Young men called up for National Service now have a choice - the Army, jail or two and a half years as a government employed labourer. Under the civilian alternative to military service approved by Cabinet on Wednesday draftees will be required to work away from home, perhaps in remote areas, on national projects. They will serve 6 months longer than 20 year olds who choose to join the Army. The Government hopes that through the plan they can avoid the embarrassment of jailing youths who defy the National Service Act. Government backbenchers and others have pressured the Government to provide a civilian alternative - particularly as National Service is likely to remain even after Australian troops are withdrawn from Vietnam.

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### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL INQUIRY.

The Federal Government has decided that there is no need for a formal inquiry into the Administrative and political situation of the N.T. as was requested by the elected members of the Legislative Council. Elected members said the reply was "arrogant, specious and dishonest" and the Darwin News called it "an incredible piece of bureaucratic gobbledegook". In retaliation the Elected Members took control of the Council's business committee on Wednesday stacking it with seven elected M.L.C.s and at the same time sacking the leader of Government members, Mr. Martin Finger, from the committee.

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### THE GOVE WARS.

The Yirrkala Aboriginals bid to stop ~~the~~ Nabalco's mining activities on the Gove Peninsula, was re-opened in the N.T. Supreme Court this week. The Aboriginals claim that Nabalco has wrongfully entered and destroyed the land which they own by right of occupancy from "time immemorial". This week evidence from Prof. of Anthropology, William Stanner, was heard together with evidence from local people. The hearing is unfinished.

Fourteen hundred miners at Gove have gone on strike in support of grievances about dismissals, food, permits and liquor before Nabalco officials. It is expected that they will remain on strike until an inquiry into their complaints is started on Tuesday afternoon.

An application for an hotel licence at Gove has been refused.

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# MANINGRIDA COUNCIL

MEETING - 25. 5. 70.

Fifteen members were present.

The following persons were appointed to take charge of Open Day preparations.

Building of traditional houses : Bob Bilinyara, Charlie Jarabili, Bagu Ray, Don Gudinga.

Obtaining fish : Fishermen at the Navy Landing and Roy Marbubu.

Turtle : Joseph Mangudja, Billy Yiriyin.

Goannas : Peter Gangalara.

Baby Alligator : " "

Flying fox : Maringa People.

Long necked turtle : Oscar Nalawid.

Geese : Jinang people.

Crabs : Navy Landing fishermen.

Oysters : Roy Riwas men.

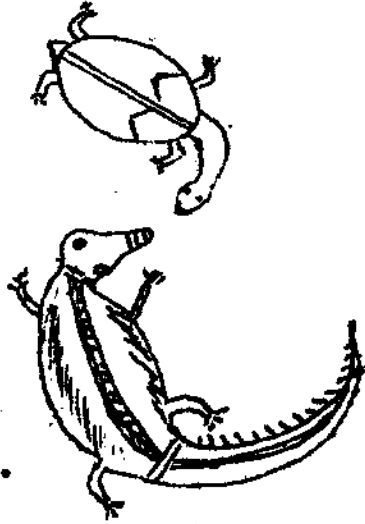
Cockles : Oscar Nalawid and Maringa boat.

Yams : Billy Yirlyin and Navy Landing people.

Cabbage Palm : Lumpy.

Lilies : Gunavidji people led by Bill Yirlyin.

Kangaroo :



Proposed dancing groups - Jinang, Gunwinggu, Gunavidji, three from Burada's (Jambidj, Yulmug and Morning Star.)

Bark Painters to demonstrate painting - Magani, Curly Barrrduguppu, Robin Guningbal and Gubargu.

Mat Makers - Margaret, Daisy and Gunwinggu women.

Bark Canoe - Tom Bumarda, Tom Mangudja, John Godowa on a Gunavidji canoe and Ray Bagu on another one.

Cooks of Bush Tucker. Some women including Ruby.

Yacht Race - Four yachts and canoes.

Paranus sail to be made by Big Barney and Barney Raridbala. Canoes are owned and sailed by Horace, Willy Jakala and Jockey.

Bush Ropes - to be made by someone.

The gates are to be manned by George Mulumbuk and George Gandjibala.

Other Matters. A motor mechanic will arrive shortly and work done by him will cost \$1.20 per hour.

Councillor Riala brought a request from Barney Raridbala to have a letter written to Elizabeth asking her to come back to Maningrida (from Warrabri).

Councillor Mitchell spoke about 'land' and expressed his fears that white people were coming to take it. The Supt. then told the meeting that he did not think this would happen.

Councillor Riala said that Aboriginal people should settle on their own land if they want to hold it.

## Notice to Hunters.



Buffaloes are protected animals under the Wildlife Ordinance. Any person who destroys them unlawfully will be dealt with under the ordinance.

J. Hunter.

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