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## Maningrida Mirage



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## MORE CEREMONIES:

Again this last week we have been hearing the sounds of the clapsticks (when the rain would let us). There are two ceremonies going on. One is a young man initiation for one boy. Johnny Mundurrug Mundurrug, one of the great Maningrida singers, is the singer man. Johnny has been singing and men and women have been dancing the story of the Morning Star all week.

The Jinang people are also starting a Marradjirri ceremony. This is the same ceremony that the people took to Dampit early this year.

For at least three years there has never been so much bungul in the Wet Season

## BARGE:

On Monday last the WARRENDER came in. But the rain was pouring down and the big tides had washed away all the soil from the end of the landing. When some new soil was put on it was very sticky. As well as this the big T.N.T. container was not on a trailer. So it had to be unloaded by hand - piece by piece. At least it brought the stock in the store back to normal - but it was a long night for the wharfies. The barge also brought the louvres for the hall, beer for the club and Jack Gardiner's 250 c.c. love machine.



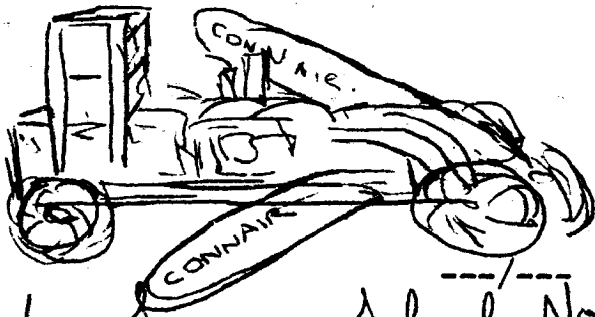
## Rusty Takes to the Air (sans Galion).

Last Wednesday I went to Lalagajirrippa with stores in the sea plane. The flight from Maningrida lasted only 12 minutes but it was long enough to view all the water lying round.

Everyone was very excited on the ground as we circled over all the camps to look for a good place to land on the water. Lee (the pilot) brought the plane right into the beach and we unloaded the stores. Big Barney and old Frank were the first to meet us followed by all the children who were delighted to see the plane bobbing around on the water.

Rhys and Frank went up with Lee to take photographs of all the camps. Frank was a bit scared in the plane, however he was a great help to Rhys. Many photographs were taken including a couple of the mouth of the Blyth so we can see where the channels are, in case Tommy Ibberals boat is used for transportation of rations.

Shortly after Rhys and Franks returned from taking photographs we took off and circled low and banked high. The last I saw of Lalagajirrippa were Rhys and Betty and all the people waving to us as we set our course to Maningrida.



Rusty Steele.

## Gordon Sweeney School Notes:

10 YEARS AGO: School Diary 20.3.63.

Library class presented some difficulty. I arrived a bit late and wanted to take only one group and the others refused to leave. There is a very cliquy group of Milingimbi people who seem to want to take over whatever they are at, so I made a stand against them and my class didn't operate for the evening.

At the Weekend: ---/---

DUTY SISTER: Mr. Mark

DUTY OFFICER: Mr. Bert (Jet Set) Ryan

Church ---/---

Programme as per usual.

Movies ---//---

WATCH THE NOTICE BOARD. (its better than nothing)

## People:

Welcome back to Bob Cross, Heather, Phillip and Tanya.

David Milaybuma, a fine Gunwinngu bark painter is staying at Maningrida again. We hope that David will have time to paint a few barks.

Marg. Neale is coming back from Darwin shortly after a spell in Darwin

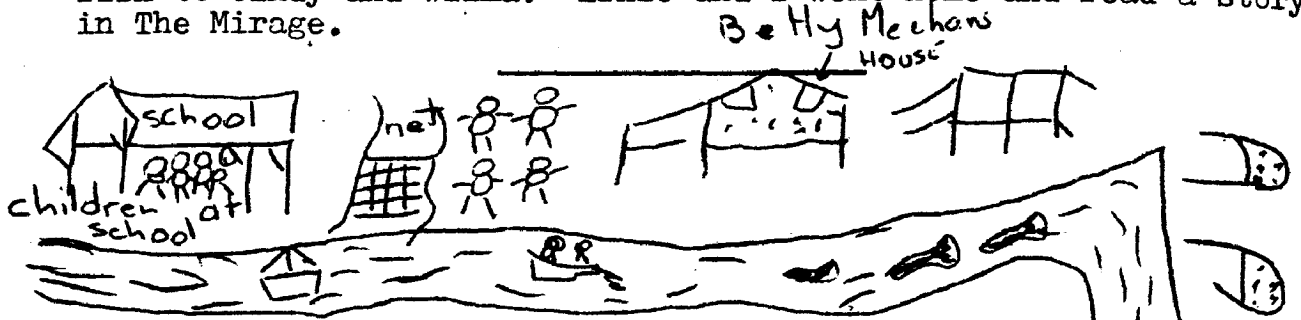
Brolga has gone to Darwin to get knotted.

# Stories for Lala Jayirippa Ladies School.

## Betty's Story:

Yesterday we started the school and we saw a boat and we left a net and we went running to Betty Meehan and said to her and she said "I will go there and see what is in the boat."

We went back to play and when the moon went down we went to sleep. In the morning I went to get a fish and I give a fish to Cindy and Wilma. Ernie and I went home and read a story in The Mirage.



## Ewa's Story

Yesterday we went fishing. Then Isobel got a fish (mulali). Then I said "Let me fish." I did not catch a fish. Then we came home.



## Cricket etc

Cricket Match at the M.C.G. Sunday commencing 1.30 p.m. sharp. Teams will be picked prior to the start of the match. Everyone welcome.

There will be a BAR BQ at the Berryman residence after the match at 7.00 p.m. to raise funds to pay Bob Cross for the new cricket gear which he so kindly purchased whilst on leave. The equipment cost approximately \$220 so we have to get the money from somewhere. All that you need to bring along to the turnout are your liquid refreshments. All the rest will be provided. A small fee of \$1.00 per head (ADULTS ONLY) will be charged at the BAR BQ. ALL INVITED - NOT JUST CRICKETERS.

P.S. ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE NOT YET PAID THEIR \$4.00 CRICKET DUES PLEASE DO SO TO RON BERRYMAN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS THIS MONEY HAS ALREADY BEEN SPENT AS MENTIONED.

R.B.

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PUBLIC HOLIDAY: Please note that Monday 7th. of May is an official public holiday. It is of course May Day.

## Function at the Junction

Gridians party this Saturday----- Single Quarters lawns.

## For Sale Dept: --/--

1 bassinette including mattress-- \$8  
1 pram--\$5  
1 baby bath -- \$2-50  
Anyone interested see Mrs. D Cuthbert.

Honda 100cc.-  
Scrapped - any  
offers - See Roger  
Pink (owner going  
overseas)

# Spelling and Meetings

Yesterday Tuesday afternoon we had a meeting near the new kitchen, before club is open. We talking about our lands. What time all the people moving away to our lands. Because all the Government they saying we gave their our lands to the Aborigines. And some men they talking different way about languages-- for teaching next year 1974. Six balandas there at the meeting they were listening to people talking about lands. And we couldn't make it yet right. But Paddy F. he saying right answers, and some people we agree for him.

But I like to if news come important from Darwin or any places you will write the easy words so we can people can read story. And we understood your law what saying here and Darwin and anywhere. Because some young men and young women we dont know much to read the story. But next time you people will write the easy words for us please. Same as Government story you wrote last week ago. I can read hard words and long words more than other boys and young women, and I can write the long words. Like these words here.

Responsibility	Responsible
Department	Impossible
Government	Parliament
Cinderella	Refineries
	Respiration
Operation	Community

I can spelling it these long words and anythings else too.

Mr. G. Richard Garawun

## ---/--- LAND RIGHTS!

This week all the people of Maningrida have been talking about lands. On Monday night Daisy and Samuel Wogbara came over from Goulburn Is. and they talked to the meeting. They said that the best thing to do would be for all the tribes to come together and take all Arnhem Land for all ungasulia people. They didn't think it was a good idea to cut all the country up into small pieces. If one tribe found minerals on their land it could be shared with all the people of Arnhem Land. There shouldn't be some rich people and some poor people. Daisy said that people should hurry up. If this Government goes away the chance will be lost forever.

Maningrida people decided that they needed more time to think about these things. It was easy for Goulburn people but Maningrida had many tribes to worry about.

On Tuesday all Maningrida men had a long meeting and there were many different ideas. Some people were speaking for everyone coming together and others were speaking for staying tribe to tribe. Some people still did not understand what the new Government's thinking was.

On Wednesday many people spoke-- Ibberara, Munyal, Fordham, Baleiya and Mulumbuk. Silas Roberts made a very good speech explaining in 'pidgin' English what the Government was doing. Silas thought that coming together was a good idea. Silas talked about the old days. Then people own their own land but they didn't block each other. Sometimes they had spear business but they fixed it up. It could be the same now. If all the black people came together they would have a loud voice for the Government to listen. This wouldn't stop people from their own business or stop people living in a quiet place like Kopanga if they wanted to. Many other people spoke for forming all tribes together. The President asked for a vote and a big votewent for joining together. The President is going to send a telegram to Goulburn to say that Maningrida is ready to join in bringing all the tribes of Arnhem Land together to speak.

## ///-/// SPORTS MEETING:

SPORTS CLUB MEETING TUESDAY NIGHT RESOURCES CENTRE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SPORTS COME ALONG.

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