

Maningrida,

14th November, 1973.

The Editor, 'Mirage', Maningrida.

Dear Sir,

It seems a great pity that an esteemed yournal such as yours should feel it necessary to publish such archaic shibbolithic views, as were expressed by your correspondent 'Digger'. It is hardly surprising that he would not sign his name to it.

That those who happen to live in the north of the country have any greater 'responsibility' than the rest of Australians, would seem to any normal person to be rampant elitism.

In regard to defence, how can any one section of the community have any more responsibility than the rest? Does your correspondent advocate a return to the feudal state, whereby, in return for 'protection' a tiny minority of armed, trained 'protectors' held the majority in subjection?

Your correspondent writes of 'strategy' in relation to defence, there can be no use for such an aggresive word. Rather should we, with open hearts and minds, allow entry to all who would want to make teir homes in Australia. Should entry be open to all the peoples of the world, then all countries would realise that this country had no designs on their sovereignty and the very fact that people from any specified country lived here would be a guarantee of our friend-liness to them.

Instead of wasting our energy s and wealth upon such futile organisations as the C.M.F. we would be far better employed in ensuring that between 35 and 40 percent of the gross national product were used in raising the living standards and assisting the immigration of the poor, the hungry and diseased.

As to the myth that there is in a bend of armed thugs some mysterious cement with which to build a community of any sort; your correspondent can have no knowledge of history whatsoeverl On what pray does he base this assumption? Anyone who ever had the dubious pleasure of belonging to one of these heroic bands will have found that the only cohesion comes from fear of both the enemy and ones superiors. Usually the most successful armies have the most brutal officers.

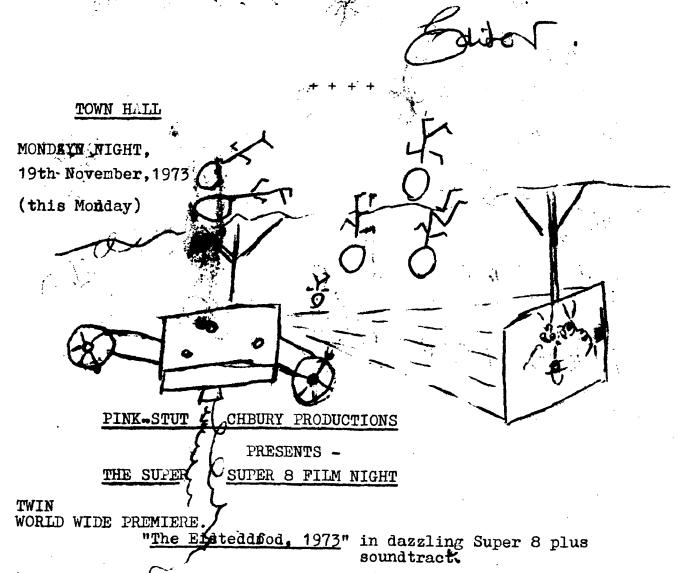
If we are to have any meaningfull dialogue with the trest of the world it can only be by casting aside cant, humbug and hypocracy.

I at least am not ashamed to sigh my name to my views.

A. On.

Dear

Thank you for your letter. It is for replies like yours that we publish letters like Digger's ... Thank you for your response.



Excursion to Sydney, 1972" with soundtrock starring Steven, Robert, Ben and Jeffrey.

Plus "Eisteddfod, 1972", Fishtraps and Fishing", "Bungul, 1973", and other assorted shorts.

50c Adults 30c Children. To help 8 children go south this Christmas.

Also along those lines - - - - - -

DON'T FORGET THE SOCIAL 60/40 DANCE ON SATURDAY AT THE TOWN HALL. ADMISSION IS TO HELP THE CHILDREN GOING SOUTH AT CHRISTMAS TIME.

FOR SALE

Brinsmead Oscillating Fan 10" Singer Blue Magic Sewing Machine Honda SI100 Trail Bike.

Please see JACKY NEWMAN.



Tuesday 13th November, 1973.

A STRIP TO DHUPUMA COLLEGE.

Last Wednesday four of the grade 6 went to Dhupumar ellege for an excursion for one day. When we got there we saw some logs, some children, teachers. There were girls dormatry and boys dormatry. Dhupuma College was fam away from Yirrkala and the Gove airport. We ate good food atmonupuma. When we got there we saw everything that was there. We saw two dormatry for the girls. Ronnee had two friends one was Jack and one was Neville. They were brothers from Ngangalala. In the Wednesday night the brother Jack took us to play snooker. When it was morning we ate food and Mr. Pink said to us, "YOU mob are going to shopping at Nhullumbuy." We went everywhere, at first we went to Yirrkala Mission to see what kind of place it is.
"It is good up here" said Mr. Pink. "I'll come up here next year to teach you and the others." We say lots of things, we saw a plane crash and went up and saw a beach, a jetty then we saw a Bauxite Mine, then we picked up an old man then we took him with us, the old man was going to Dhupuma College. We had a good shopping. When we got there Ronnie and I, Rennee went first we saw lots of good things. and when we finished shopping we went ack. When we got back we had a shower, and had dressed up then it was time to leave Dhupuma College. We got on a little bus, and it took us to the cirport. Then we got off the bus and walk up to the airpost. Then a pilot said "all aboard" then we went walked to the plane and we said good-bye to the bus driver. driver.

B. Pascoe Maryarra.

IF THE PUBLIC WAS WONDERING WHO THE MUSTITUE WAS MILLING AROUND THE TOWN ON TUESDAY, THAT WAS MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

The first building to be put up in the time allocated, has been done. (This is in Maningrida, I mean) Congratulations Condor! Actually, they have beeten their time. Now the finishes have to be put in.

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If your don't want to carry your Fish & Chips home in your bare hands, give all Your Newspapers to the Hasty Tasty.

THE HASTY NEEDS YOUR PAPER.

ADMINISTRATION MAXIMS

The maxims set out hereunder have been taken from the Report of a Board of Enquiry which was appointed to inquire into the Land and Land Industries of the Northern Territory in 1937.

The maxims are as appropriate today as they were in 1937 and all Administration officers and employees would do well to follow their good advice.

- 1. Nature has been ungenerous to the Territory in many ways. Do what you can, by administration, to counter-balance natural shortcomings.
- 2. Strive to give persons interested in the Territory such administration as will place them in a position, for carrying on their business, comparable with persons in the more-favoured parts of Australia.
- 3. Put yourself in the other person's shoes and view administrative matters from that angle.
- 4. Good administration is "service". Service always helps, and never obstructs.
- persons interested in the Territory to make a success of their enterprises. If profits are made in enterprises already established, more development will proceed and more population will be maintained.

 Never put hurdles in the way of energetic enterprise, but co-operate to the utmost.
- 6. Do not be technical in outlook, but follow dictates of broad commonsense.
- 7. Do your best to guide Head-quarters in formulating correct policies. The man on the spot should always be in the position to make clear-cut and definite recommendations for the guidance of Head-quarters. Never shirk responsibility in this regard.
- 8. Difficulties are meant to stimulate endeavour, not to discourage it and produce inertia.
- 9. In a pioneering community, Acts of Parliament, Ordinances and Regulations real frequent modification and adjustment. They should not be slavishly followed by officials to the exclusion of commonsense considerations. If the carrying out of an Act, Ordinance or Regulation would have undersirable consequences, representations accordingly should be made to Headquarters so that an anendment may be considered.
- 10. When necessary, exercise authority firmly and fearlessly, but never harshly or unreasonably.
- 11. "Co-operative administration" produces the best results. Endeavour to co-operate with the people because mutual assistance is the king-pin of our social structure.
- 12. Generally, strive to do your official work in such a manner that Australia will be the better for your service.

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