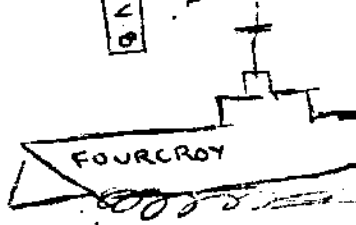




MANINGRIDA MIRAGE



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COUNCIL SUSPENDS FORESTRY STAFFS PERMITS

In a media release issued last Friday the Maningrida Council announced that it had decided to take over the Forestry operation of Maningrida. Their decision followed a visit to Maningrida by two officers of the Forestry Branch, Mr. Bill Goodwin and Mr. Chris Haynes, who, it is understood, had come to Maningrida to hold discussions with the Council on the future of Forestry Branch operations at Maningrida.

The Council, said the media release, had sent the following telegram to the Prime Minister, the Director of Aboriginal Affairs, Darwin, the Director of the Forestry Branch, Darwin, Mr. Allen O'Brien, Dept. of the Northern Territory, Darwin and Dr. H.C. Coombs, the special advisor to the Prime Minister.

"Effective today, Friday the 23rd. August, all permits of European Forestry staff and dependants are suspended until further notice. Council demands their immediate removal from the Settlement. Council rejects directive approach and double talk of Forestry Senior officers. Will negotiate only with Chris Haynes and Allan O'Brien."

In a statement on Saturday the 24th. August Mr. John Hunter, a Senior Officer of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs visiting Maningrida on official duties, stated that Aboriginal employees of the Forestry Branch had held a meeting with the Town Council on Friday. The Council had offered the use of Town Administration plant and equipment to enable the Forestry employees to carry out fire protection patrols during the weekend. Residents of outstations in the Forestry fire protection area were contacted and their co-operation sought in the fire control operations.

Mr. Hunter's statement continued that the Council would allow "reasonable time" for European Forestry employees to pack their personal effects prior to leaving. Aboriginal Forestry employees had been informed by Forestry officers that the Forestry Branch would continue to pay their wages.

As we go to press there is no further information to hand on the future of Forestry at Maningrida.

Dan Gillespie

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WHY FORESTRY WENT WRONG!

Mr. Woodward came to Maningrida last year and said to Aboriginals this is your land and this is your country do what you want to do. But! in Darwin Mr. Woodward said to the Forestry you boss the land for the Aboriginals for 99 years. Forestry-workers and staff have left Maningrida and went into Darwin, not because we don't like, not because we don't like sawmill, not because we don't like to have some Forestry here, but! because of two things. Mr. Woodward said one talk for Aboriginal and one talk for Forestry. This we do not like at all. We want people to be straight.

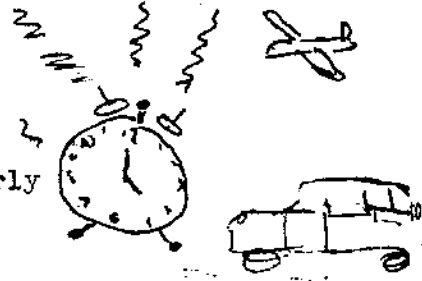
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HOSPITAL NEWS:

The Medical plane arrived early on Monday, just on dawn, to pick up some patients, after a busy weekend for Sr. Lace, our recently arrived Sister, (one morning when alarm clocks were a bit redundant,

The Health Centre also has a new Aboriginal Health Worker, John White, who is assisting in the Leprosy Clinic whilst Peter Jalala is on holidays.

Recent weeks have seen quite an increase in the Health Centres-outstation visiting scheme. The Aboriginal health nurses at Kopanga and Madagalidban have been visited regularly as have the smaller stations Manggolod, Cadell, Guyun, Nangark and Botgardi. We have as yet to visit the others and expect to be doing it after the present petrol shortage.



I might add that Pat Gamananga at Kopanga and John Maragalara at Madagalidban are doing good work in their areas. This week we hope to visit Mickey Baminyimunga at Nakalamundjerra (Navy Landing) by boat.

As of Monday we have two new Health Centre ladies... Julie Junabilibili and Juliet Yallnanya working at the Infant Health Centre and General Clinic.

Recent events at Maningrida have seen quite a change in the Health Centre scene. Sr. Beckett (Brolga's wife) have left us and soon we expect the departure of Sr. Betty Reister and Bev Webber. Perhaps this would be a good place to ask for more Hospital workers... we are always happy for new staff.

Finally we are again short of bottles. (Who isn't?... ed)
Big ones.....little ones.....fat ones.....thin ones.....
Any shape...any size....all will be welcome.

Mick Marshall

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## BECOME A NURSE AND SEE THE WORLD:

The Department of Health has sent a story to the Mirege. They are looking for Aboriginal girls to train as nurses in the Darwin Hospital Training School. If you are interested you must have the Higher School Certificate or equivalent or if you have 5th. year in Secondary School you must have passes in English, Mathematics and two other subjects.

If you have all these qualifications and you are still interested you should write to Sister Margaret Lawrie, Aboriginal Health Branch, Dept. of Health, PHILLIP A.C.T. or to Director of Health, Department of Health, P.O. Box 147, Darwin, N.T. 5794

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## Y.M.C.A. CAMP!

The Y.M.C.A. is holding two camps during the two week school holidays. Both camps, to last a week each, will be held at Juda Point. The first camp has about 30 Gunavidji young mothers and youths. The second camp will be attended by Djinang and Burada children.

Lee Pinder

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The Editor
Mirage'

Hon. Secretary.
Kahn Charity Trust
P.O.Box 89.
Maningrida.
25th August 1974.

Dear Sirs,

may we once again use the columns of your esteemed journal to make our annual public appeal for funds.

The trust, set up by the late Mr Genghis Kahn, has had many calls for help and guidance in the last few months.

Under the terms of the trust, we are pledged to 'Render all such aid and assistance as may be necessary to those rumours and speculations, which through no fault of their own, have lost their initial impetus and ability to multiply'

The rumour patrol operated by the trust has been overburdened and was only able to carry on by the generous help offered by members.

Our rumour resuscitation unit (expended for last years emergency) is coping splendidly with the crisis.

The most succesfull method has been to intially isolate the enfeebled subject in a fevered atmosphere, sometimes leaving overnight, and then to introduce another resuscitated patient.

The atmosphere is then heated and by a process that is not as yet fully understood, a fast breeding reaction takes place. Statistics show an increase of between 78 and 91 per cent on rumours and a slightly lower rate is obtained on speculations. The cured healthy rumour now has a velocity to truth ratio of 15-1 and on passing an Aggrevation and Alarm test, is ready to go back into general circulation.

The strategic placing of rumour release points has been a source of worry to the trust for many years but this problem is slowly being overcome and we hope to offer a better service in future.

The Kahn Charity Trust would like to take this oportunity to thank all those members of the public who have given us their support over the past year.

Thank you,



Thomas Jefferson.

contributed by Charles Prince.

BARGE NEWS :

The barge on Wednesday was a slow one to unload. There was an enormous number of drums of Avgas, petrol, diesel etc. to relieve the fuel crisis. Other cargo included construction materials for Housing, M.W.F. and Wolpers, bore casing for the Water Resources Branch, 2 dinghys general cargo for the shop, flour for the bakery.

One thing that didn't come was beer for the Club, due to some typical Darwin hassle.

One interesting item was a special bandsaw to be used for preparing fish fillets from frozen fish.

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A REPLY:

I feel obliged to make some response to Ms. Pascoe's parting remarks in last week's Mirage.

Most mature people soon come to terms with the fact that when Jefferson spoke of freedom of the press, he did not mean freedom to say and print what you like and to hell with accuracy and other people.

Would Ms. Pascoe maintain that Jefferson's doctrine guarantees to me the right to print some scandalous and untruthful story about her, without any fear of retribution.

Suffice it to say that the Mirage is a free paper and in one form or another will continue.

Dan Gillespie

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PEOPLE:

This week a new Admin Officer in the D.A.A. He is David Galvin. David was previously working in New Guinea. He is learning the ropes prior to taking over from Jack Gardiner who, we understand, is moving to somewhere that has television reception. He has asked that his transfer co-incide with the beginning of the next series of "Bonanza". David's wife Anne is scheduled to arrive next week. We welcome them.

Former teacher at Maningrida, Jackie Newman, is currently visiting to look up old friends and escape from the Canberra cold.

Master canoe maker of this region, Big Barney Geridruwanga, is putting the finishing touches to the large dugout destined for the National Ethnographic Collection in Canberra. Dr. Colin Jack-Hinton of the Darwin Museum has also commissioned an ocean going dugout. Big Barney says that his eyes are getting very weak and his "number 2 carpenter" David Bandarpi will do most of the work on the new canoe while Barney shows him what to do.

Linguist Graham McKay (wanud) passed through Maningrida on Wednesday. He had been with the Rembarrnga people at Malyananuk (south of Raman-ginigg) for a month. Graham said that the people there had made a dugout canoe for fishing. Brian Nyinawanga said that in the old times his people didn't make dugouts. This one they had copied from the saltwater people. Graham said that the canoe was alright but sometimes it fell over.

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CHURCH:

SUNDAY 9.30am. Sunday school classes in the Church and camps. Visit to Guyun at the same time.

7.30pm. Evening service is a Communion Service.

TUESDAY: 5.30pm. Prayer meeting. Church Fellowship follows at 7.30pm. We are hoping to show a religious film on this night.

THURSDAY: 8.00pm. Bible Study and prayer meeting at the Cross.

You are all cordially welcome to all of these meetings.

Rev. Latu

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AT THE WEEKEND:

Duty Sister: Beverly

Movies: Friday

Saturday:

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