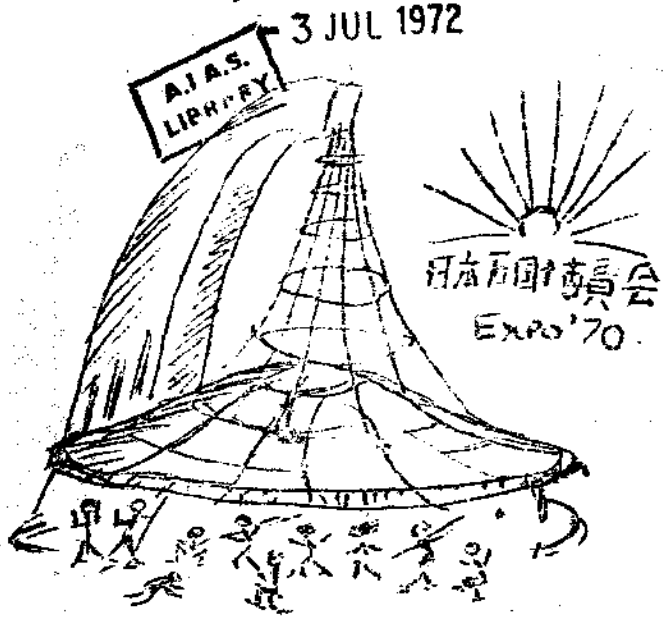


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"IN THE LAND OF THE RISING SUN"

With Talbot Djiringal.

The Aboriginal dancers did not go to OSAKA EXPO for a holiday! There were three performances each day, and the dancers along with the Royal Australian Naval Band, the young Australians and other artists, were on the stage for each of these. Rolf Harris only walked out on his 3 legs in the evening.

The huge hall was well filled each time and the people clapped well after each item "Real Beauty" was Talbot's feeling about the audience. They especially liked the act in which the Aboriginal men threw spears at each other across the stage and dodged. Another interesting act in the program was the man who cracked a whip, and even when blindfolded could whisk away the top of a man's pocket handkerchief.

The Prime Minister Mr Gorton spoke to the three Maningrida boys and said "Gee you're lucky boys. You'll be rich when you go back to Maningrida." Talbot replied "Thank you." The Mayor 'the boss of Osaka' invited them all to return some time. Rolf Harris's little daughter Bindi was obviously a great favourite "She was very kind."

The full working days did not allow them to do much sight seeing, but they did visit several pavilions and Talbot brought home some magnificent coloured photos of the Expo and of Osaka. They enjoyed going into a very old Japanese temple, built "long, long, ago."

The weather was pretty cold for fellows who have to perform with only a naga on. Rain fell each afternoon and evening. The food was quite good, except for the rice without sugar

Star Theatre.

Great News ! Glorious news ! Mafeking has been relieved. We appear to have finally settled our cinematic confusion. We have now taken all our business to Darwin, thus eliminating those Dreaded "Southern Intellectuals" (get that N.T. News)

The Darwin people are being extremely helpful and have already begun despatching films early in the week, in case they are left off the Friday perishable plane. "Ha! I hear you say." Are these any of those planes that aren't perishable?

This weekend we have a splendid offering. On Friday, we present "Up the Creek" which leading authorities assure me is a British comedy after the style of the Carry On series. Said to be properly funny one. On Saturday we have "The 7th voyage of Sinbad." Well known film critic Mr. Douglas Marinyama has the following to say about the two films "Yiki!"

D.C.

COOKING DEMONSTRATION

By Miss Edno

At the Co-op Store at 3pm

on Monday May 25th

Everyone

come.

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The plans for the immediate or near future are:

- i. To complete the residence now under construction, this should be accomplished about the end of July.
- ii. To begin building the Bakery in approx. August of this year, with a completion date about the end of January 1971.
- iii. Meanwhile Mr Pickersgill will be giving overall supervision as of now to the completion of several self-help homes.
- iv. As from approximately 1st July we will commence building our 30 Aboriginal home units, completing them at about 1 per fortnight. All of this will keep us busy for many months to come.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?

A recent article in the Mirage regarding the sharp rise in the turnover of the CO-OP during the past few weeks intrigued me so much that I decided to do a little research to find out how this remarkable phenomena took place. A new store would account for some of it with possibly more consumer goods available. However, this huge increase could not be possible without extra money being available. So I started with the Forestry Payroll and the figures are really worthwhile printing so here goes.

On the 10th March 1970, Forestry had 15 Aboriginal Industrial employees (all on full European pay) a sum of £1,450 was paid in wages, the following fortnight an increase of 8 employees to 23 required a wage payout of this £2,220, this last period a further 8 employees were added to make a workforce of 32 Aboriginal employees for a payout of £4108, a further employee has been added to our already growing staff to make the count 34 Aboriginals and 13 Europeans, plus 4 staff, a total of 51 employed by Forestry. As you can see our pay has risen from £1450 to £3108 a rise of approx 114% in just a few weeks. I think this would be a major reason behind the Co-op's metric rise during the past few weeks.

The new sawmill under the capable hands of Mr K. (don Athaldo) Ennis has helped to swell the pays, as most of our recent employees have been for the mill.

BRUCE CRAVEN.

Open Day.

Open Day is only 4 weeks away. Connellians have been asked to provide special flights for visitors.



As there have been few suggestions regarding new activities, the format will be largely the same as last year. The ace house builder, Mr. Ray Mynyal, is bulman bound, so his valuable services will not be available this year. It is hoped, however, that some other Jinang men will come forward to start work next week.

The services of hunters and gatherers to collect bush tucker are required. Any volunteers are asked to come forward in about two weeks time. As with last year, the perishables will be put into cold storage until the big day. We need :- fish, crabs, flying fox, goanna, wallaby oysters, wild fowl and a good assortment of bush vegetables and fruits. Volunteers to carry out the preparation and cooking are also requested.

It is suggested that a race for Herons, Dracombe Luggers and canoes be staged. Heron, Dracombe Lugger and canoe owners are requested to co-operate.

As the spear throwing contest last Sports Day was so popular, it should be repeated at Open Day. There were over 40 entrants at Christmas.

Volunteers, cooks included, (Bill, where art thou?) are sought to man the Hasty Tasty for an all day stand to provide nourishment for the locals and visitors. It is also proposed to run a soft drink (ice-cream) cigarette refreshment stand on the show ground- volunteers would be gratefully received.

Anyone with some ideas to enhance the days activities are requested to see the Superintendent. Perhaps some Forestry people might care to sponsor a wood chop /or chain-saw competition.

Slim Dusty and All That.

Anyone who has heard Bert Ryan practising his cattle camp crooning will appreciate that something big is coming off - and how!



The intrepid overlanders under the leadership of Dan Watson, a veteran of these things, are heading off today on the journey to Bulman. The entourage includes Bert (Hobbles) Ryan, John Maiyana, Paddy Dapala, Michael Gadjawuli, David Gulpulil, Peter Joseph, Bob Budwal, the inimitable Fred Milmilkama, Frank Dargaruna, 14 horses, 160 head of cattle, 4 bulls, a Fiat Tractor and Toyota.

The party will follow the track to Malakajaknoga near the Wilton River (about 108 miles from Maningrida.) They must then follow the Wilton down to Bulman; this could be a difficult part of the journey as some of the country around the Wilton is very rugged and there are no known tracks on the Eastern side of the River.

On arrival at Bulman, a camp must be set up and a 1,000 acre holding paddock erected for the stock. Mr. Ray Mynyal and his team are to go down and carry out the fencing work. A set of yards must also be erected. Development thereafter will consist of more fencing, including buffalo traps, and the establishment of a homestead complex. It is hoped that some more equipment and staff, will start to arrive soon to speed up the development at Bulman.

Going Bush

Molly Wadaguga.

The four different kinds of food.

1. Milk.

2. Fruit and vegetables.

Yams, sweet potato, green plum s
Black plums, lily roots, (Kulaj)
Cheeky yams, yams like carrots
yumila and Warnburja, Gunawarra

3. Meat. Fish (Kurdijada), Fresh and Salt water turtles (Panda, Kerrywu), Emu, Goose, whistle duck (Moribbi), pelican worms, Toppulal blue tongue lizard

4. Bread.

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Creation Stories From Around The World.

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Every race of people made stories that explained how the earth, and all things came to be. While each story is different, there are some parts that are nearly the same as we can see from the few stories that follow.

1. At the earliest time there was Madayin which was wet, hot and black, and a great emptiness. Madayin was like an egg but it grew and grew until in the end it became the earth. Then Madayin made the sun to give light and warmth. As two things now existed they became man and woman, and all things came from them. These beings still exist and will be the place that the spirit of man returns upon death.

2. God has always lived. He ordered the earth to grow ~~from~~ from nothing. Then God ordered the sun and the moon to give light, and the plants and trees to grow on the earth. When this was finished he looked at the earth again and decided the earth needed a man to walk on it. God took a handful of dust and made a man from it, he called this man Adam. Because Adam was lonely God took one rib out of Adam and made it into a woman, God called her Eve. This man and woman became the mother and father of all people.

3. In the beginning there was just a big empty space which was full of storms, and out of one of the storms came the gods, the king of them was Wodin. Wodin was very strong and had a very big knife. One day he had to fight a giant, and after he had killed the giant, Wodin made the world out of the giant's head. To hold the earth up in space he made four dwarfs hold each corner. Later Wodin planted a tree and this grew and held up the earth. When he needed people for the earth Wodin carved them out of two branches from his tree. Wodin called the man Ask and the woman Embla, and so all people came from Wodin's tree.

4. There was only a great saltwater and nothing else, except the god, Tiki who sailed about the water in his canoe. Tiki became tired of sailing about in the water and pushed his fish wire to the bottom of the sea, and pulled up the land. When Tiki became lonely of walking about his land and sailing in his canoe he made a woman out of sand on the beach and breathed air on her until she became alive. They married and had many children who went all over the earth to live.

5. At the start of things there was only a great saltwater sea and the god called Neb-er-tcher, who decided to make himself a dry place to stand on. He sang his magic songs and a dry place came out of the water. When the god had lived on his dry place for a time he thought it would be good to have friends, so he talked about love to his shadow, ~~and~~ The shadow had two children who were the sky and the freshwater. These two children married and their children were the plants, trees, animals and people that live in the world.

These stories came from many parts of our earth, and in some places the people who told these stories have all died and none of their tribes are alive, all that remains is their stories.

The first story is the Jinang story which was told by some men at Maningrida. The second one is from the Jews and is in the first book of the bible. The third story is from Norway and belonged to the Viking men, These men have all died and there is none of the ~~tribe~~ tribe living. The Fourth story is from the people of Tahiti, These are the people who helped Captain Cook. They still live in their country. The last story is from Egypt and all the people who told this story are dead now. It was from these people that Moses saved the Jews in the bible story.

It isn't only people at Maningrida who have trouble with promise marriages. Here a letter written two hundred years ago, by a Russian girl to her mother and father after she was made to marry an old man.

"Why did you make me marry that old man, that I didn't love. Are you happy to see me cry, See the sadness on my face and the bad house I have to live in. Are you happy to see me so sad that I am waiting to die. I am like a slave to this man, when I could have been happy with the other young people." J. P.

FROM BIRU DHAKAL DHAWUMIRI

Weather: The mean rainfall for the Arnhemland district in 1969 was 5,250 points. This is approx. 520 points more than normal. Rainfall in points at various stations for 1969.

Groote Eylandt	5,256 pts.
Yirrkala	5,056 pts.
Elcho Is.	6,878 pts.
Milingimbi	6,066 pts.
Goulburn Is.	6,238 pts.
Darwin	7,895 pts.
Maningrida.	5,591pts.

In the 1970 Wet season - Maningrida. 2393 pts. so far. '68/4607 , '67/4799

DANCING:

All dance sections in this years North Australian Eistidafod have been dropped. The President said last week that there had been only 7 entries in the 14 sections.

CROCODILE ISLANDS:

Last week the crabbing women killed a 7 foot crocodile with an axe only a couple of miles from Milingimbi.

" FROM ELCHO NEWS AND VIEWS: "

Now that the Royal Visit is over, amny accounts of little happenings are being recounted. During the stormy run down the coast of New Zealand's South Island in very bad weather, the ward steward knocked and entered the Royal Suite with a tray of tarts on one hand. The Royal Yacht lurched suddenly and the tarts kept on going and were soon all over the floor. The young steward was horrified as Prince Phillip dived from his seat and crept around on hands and knees picking up half the tarts. Then sitting down, he grinned at his wife "I've got mine - yours are down there."

<p>Situation Vacant Hasty tasty Manageress in about 3 weeks. Wages \$1.50 per hour 12-15 hours per week Interested persons please see MR. John Hunter.</p>	<p>Position Vacant Casual Cook at Hasty Tasty 3 nights per week or by arrangement. Wages \$1.20 per hour Appls MR J. Hunter.</p>
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He returned home this week. Big Barney Gudruwonga. It must be at the end of the 'et season'.

Also very good to see Mr. and Mrs. Strand back. Val looks pretty well and young Matthew who had such a dramatic entry into the world last week is also progressing well. He is remaining in Darwin for a little while.

WEEKEND DUTY OFFICER: Mr Ed Carey

WEEKEND DUTY SISTER: Sister June Doohan

STAR THEATRE:

Fri. "On The Creek" - might be Gudjerama or Gadjji?
Sat. "The 7th Voyage of Sinbad"

CHURCH NOTICES:

Trinity Sunday.
Sun. 9.30am "The Spirit Working Through Our Gifts."
7.30pm Evening Service.



AS OTHERS SEE US:

A package arrived this week from New Zealand with a copy of N.Z. Scout News. It has an article on the opening of the Scout Hall in Oct. Last. It is headed "Tracking in Darkest Darwin." !!!

The reporter was quite impressed by the ability of the 2 local boys who traced the movements of 2 visiting scouts by their footprints. Also "they sang teaming the stone age didgeridoo with a modern folk guitar....it would be unlikely that a pop group could reproduce the same sound".

Mr Charles Perkins purchased three bark paintings this week and expressed his thanks for the hospitality he received at Maningrida. He added "I was most impressed by the Supt. and Assist. Supt. of the Settlement."

FLAGPOLE CLIMBING CONTEST 1970

*"When done
toss the
kubers"*



Last Sunday the first annual Maningrida Flagpole Climbing Contest was held in the Forestry Compound. After numerous refreshments the event got under way. Everyone present endeavoured to climb the 150 ft. flagpole. The event was topped by the international carpenter from Bonny Scotland Mr Thomas R.S. Hole when he got entangled with the knot at the 50ft. mark.

After being struck by many green missiles he was dislodged and managed to reach earth in comparative safety having set the record. Congratulations to all competitors in this most trying event. Don't miss the presentation dinner, to Mr Thomas R.S. Hole, to be held at Welfare Single Mens Quarters soon.

Your Raving Sport Reporter.

P.S. Formal attire required for the dinner.

*"Hang on to
your shirt
mate!"*



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