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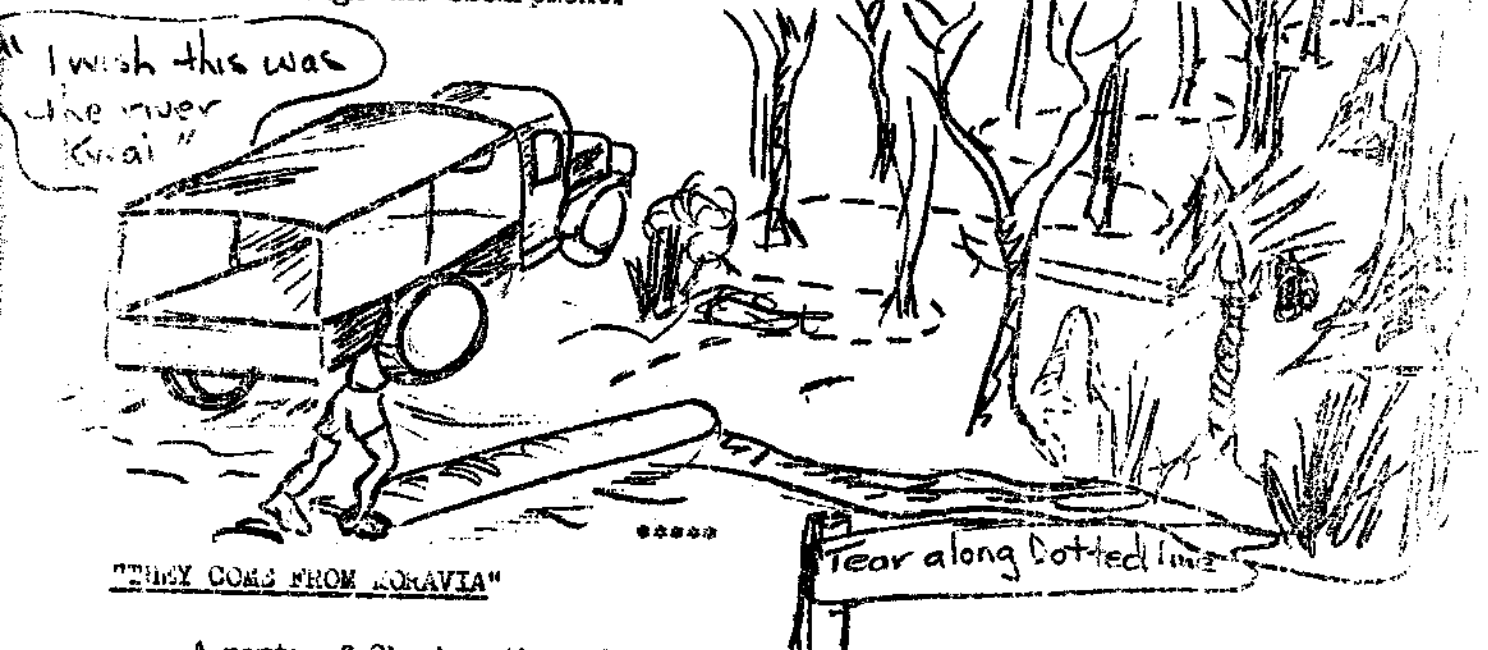
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## 'MEN AT WORK' - The Highways Department Report:

The settlement road-party, under the Leadership of Mr Fred Canaballi, came into being in 1968. Since then they have cleared in the region of 150 miles of track to points of significance in the Liverpool-Blyth area.

Their first job was to provide access to Boucart Bay and quite a number of people will have visited Navalada and Namangara Creek. The main task to date was to clear the track to Bulman, some 150 miles south of Maningrida. The party are currently working the track to Eojjan-jinjidi so that the garden is accessible to Maningrida at all times. They have just constructed three log bridges over the Jakarlodoma/Anamayiara Creeks and should finish the job in the next month.

Next years project all being well, is to construct a track from East to West through the escarpment.



A party of Czech anthropologists, lead by Dr Brinke are visiting the settlement. They are studying the Remarrnga people and have already visited a number of centres in the Northern Territory, including Mainoru, Urapanga, and Bayili. Dr Brinke is most impressed with the Northern Territory and hopes to come back next year with his wife. He told the scouts on Saturday that he used to be Scout Master of a River Troop.

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## THE HOUSING COMMISSION BUILDS AGAIN.

The demountable building programme for this year is to commence soon. Two single bedroom cottages, a three bed-room married quarters and an ablutions block for the Pre-School are included.

We went up to the Snowy Mountains for one day. We liked the snow at first and enjoyed throwing snow balls, then it was too cold, and "they wouldn't like to live there" the kids said.

In Brisbane we stayed at the People's Palace, its like an hotel. We liked Brisbane very much and we were glad to see Mr Strong, the father of Miss Strong. He and his friends took us to the Lion Park.

We went by bus down to Coffs Harbour where our billets picked us up and took us to Woolgoolga for ten days. The people were very friendly to us. We gave three concerts, at Woolgoolga, Grafton High School and Coffs Harbour. The Woolgoolga people asked us to put on another concert but there was no time. We went to Mrs Williams' father's plantation and saw his bananas and tomatoes. At Coffs Harbour we saw a sawmill ten times as big as Maningrida's Mill. In Grafton we went into the big Church of England, inside we saw the organ and sang a few hymns in Burada and Gunavidji.

Canberra is a beautiful place with a lot of palm trees and flowers, while there we looked around as we travelled on busses and went to see money being made.

In Sydney we stayed at Manly but it was too cold to swim. Each day we met up with the other boys and girls at Manly Boys High School, and then went out together. We bought presents for ourselves and friends. We went to Dunlops factory to see them making tyres. I thought that this was most interesting but the kids didn't like the smell.

One day we went to the Blue Mountains and had a good meal there - chicken jelly, icecream and salad.

Then we went to Brighton Hotel for three days - near Botany Bay. We had to leave our keys at the hotel. We went to the Zoo and had great fun seeing the gorilla. We were admitted free, and a news man took pictures of us.

There were 20 boys and girls and two teachers and we had a very good trip. We came back to Maningrida through Brisbane, Mt Isa and Darwin.



HOME ON HOLIDAYS

Stephen Namanil arrived on Tuesday from Sydney for three weeks holiday. He feels that there is a better life for him in Sydney than Arnhemland.

He has a flat near Tranby in Sydney and feels a sense of pride and independence in meeting his weekly payments for rent. He has a girlfriend, a part aboriginal girl, Lynette Timbery from La Perouse, and hopes to marry in a year maybe "if I have enough money". Stephen is working at the Foundation Aboriginal Affairs art shop, and helps to sell craft work.

PERSONAL COLUMN

Sisters, Helen, Cec, Mia,

Due to a sudden increase in the fortunes of this family we have decided to undertake a hazardous overseas voyage in December. The nature of this voyage requires that we be vaccinated against two of the more nasty varieties of Asian Pests namely SMALLPOX CHOLERA As the illustrious Surgeon will be visiting this establishment in 5 weeks time would one of you gallant ladies kindly arrange for the surgeon to puncture our skins with sharp implements.

Dave Fryer  
Diane Fryer

Veni. Vidi. Vici

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FISHY STORY.

While many people at Maningrida were watching "Who's sleeping in my Bed", on Friday night, Merv Mason, Bill Armstrong and Dennis and Margot, were camping at the second creek in Boucart Bay.

They had hoped to eat a lot of fish and crabs there, but had to be satisfied with tinned meat instead.

A lot of dead fish in the creek ranging from tidclers right up to barramundi over two feet long, Merv took a couple of photo's of them.

Another strange thing - this creek usually has plenty of crabs but didn't see any, except in the mud in the mangroves. The total catch for the weekend was 1/2 dozen by Dennis. Why is this so?

Odds and Ends

The new Co-op Manager Mr. Glen Bagshaw with his wife and son are expected to arrive on Wednesday.

The Goulburn Is. contractors are due Monday to start work on the Co-op managers house. The contractors will live in the "house" formerly occupied by the Foreman of Maurie Blake.

\* Mr. John Hunter holidaying near Tilba Tilba has been commissioned to interview Dame Zara for the "Maningrida Mirage"

STRANGLER GEORGE..... It is well known that George has been involved in many a domestic difference - hence one of his nick names.

When the constable was here recently registering firearms, George knew that ultimately he had to get a paper certificate and fortunately was able to find one!! The fact that it was signed by Dan Pollard and concerned his mother's employment in the kitchen did not deter him. Cec reflected the event and then wrote this skit.

"STRANGLER GEORGE".....CEC CAREY.

When "Strangler George" layed down his spears  
He massaged victims necks for years  
Then progress came to Arnheimland, and George  
his firearms skilfully manned  
But the law persists with annual capers  
Where is your gun? (and) where are your papers?  
George to show he is no dollard  
Produced some papers signed by Pollard  
Though only concerning his mother's employ  
Our George was overcome with joy  
I've registered my shot gun with this before  
And kept my neck safe from the arms of the law.

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#### THE 1969 CHAMPION DANCING GROUP ON TOUR

The Rembarrnga dancers, with Crusoe Guningbal, and Frank Gamanalana have recently completed a tour of Mainoru, Bamyili, Katherine, Oenpilli & intermediate points. They travelled in the settlement truck and were accompanied by Mr Danny Watson. The dancers limited their stay at Bamyil to one night because the free entry of "grog" caused much fighting, humbug and trouble. At the Jim Jam they met the old Maninrida identity Ted Op who is doing well.

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#### SPORT:

##### BASKETBALL

Basketball has started again. Last Tuesday night two matches were played. At 7.30 Chalkies played Kiwis, Kiwis won this match. The late match was played between Gorillas and Demons. Gorillas led right up to the final bell and were beaten by 7 points. Hawks had a bye.

Fixtures for Tuesday 21st October:

7 o'clock	Gorillas	v	Kiwis
8 o'clock	Hawks	v	Demons
9 o'clock	Chalkies	v	New Team.

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At The Theatre on Friday Night: "Ski Party"

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