



WE ARE PROUD OF OUR LANGUAGE! WE ARE PROUD OF OUR COLOR! WE LOVE OUR LAND!

THE RETURN OF KULALUK ALMOST THERE! (ITEM NUMBER ONE OF THE LARRAKIA TREATY)

ON 15th May 1975 the Larrakia and their friends were ready for the court. Johnny Fejo had come from Humpty Doo. Koolamurinee, Gabriel and Barral had returned from Katherine. Fred was driving the Gwalwa Daranik ute. Jackson was in jail.

Judge Ward was going to hear the Kulaluk story. We are tired of telling how the Larrakia lost their land after the settlers came in 1869. We have told everyone from the office boy to Queen Elizabeth.

On the first day of the court, Mr Justice Ward of the Land Rights Commission heard from the Town Planners. They agreed with Kulaluk. The Lands Branch did not agree to the beach being in the claim. But these people did nothing when thousands of tons of sand was stolen. They can not stop dumpers. The beach is important to the tribes.

The court went on for four days.

Now Judge Ward is making his recommendation to Canberra. Kulaluk will be returned to the Larrakia people, we can be sure of that. It will be a special purpose lease only. To the settlers it is useless land. Maybe it does not prove how sincere the Government is about land rights, but this is just the beginning! All tribes learn from the Larrakia!

THE NEXT CLAIMS

RAILWAY DAM: This is about five acres in town, for people visiting mostly from Delissaville and Port Keats.

D aribah Noongalinya: a sacred rock near Casuarina.

Knuckles Lagoon: These people are mostly stockmen and their families. They were the main supporters in the long fight for Kulaluk. We must back them up now in every way.

Emery Point (GOONDAL): This is the main ceremonial place of the Larrakia. Will they get this high ground, worth a lot of money to the whites? We cannot build on the point, but nearby it is suggested to have an Aboriginal hostel.

IF THERE IS NOT ENOUGH LAND FOR ABORIGINES, THEN THE OTHER CLAIMS WILL NOT WORK. THEY WILL BECOME BLACK REFUGEE CAMPS AGAIN.

FROM THE NEWSPAPERS

NOVEMBER 2nd 1971; "The Bobby Secretary and his followers are camped in tin shanties and tents on the land. They have refused offers of accommodation in Bagot Reserve.

"We'll go on fighting until the Government gives us the land," Mr Secretary said.

"When I die, others will carry on", **JANUARY 11th 1972**; "They call the place Kulaluk and say it is of religious and ceremonial significance. Whether that is true, nobody else knows.

The town is expanding rapidly and the areas of unoccupied land available as camp sites are dwindling. The Larrakias have lost their land for ever." (by Kim Lockwood)

27 May 1971; "Bagot should be kept for Aborigines but the Larrakia should have the rest of Kulaluk", said Mr Secretary.

Letters

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We have just received and read our first copy of BUNJI. One of the people happened to come by a copy in Darwin.

He brought your paper Bunji up to class last night. He was after a second opinion as to its value.

Apparently he has just asked the Housing Association foreman what he thought of it, and was told that it was all rubbish. The class, however, eventually decided that these issues were very important. It even sparked off an enlightening conversation as to what good the Europeans were doing here. So thank you for that.

The issues and support for the paper BUNJI will be discussed at the next council meeting.

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*This paper cannot print the name and address of our readers who sent this letter. Free talking like this is forbidden on many missions and settlements.
What does surprise us is that one copy of BUNJI has got through to this village. Each time, we post our paper out to all places in the NT but we know that they never get to the people.

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TO THE EDITOR,

I read your April issue of the newspaper of the Gwalwa Daraniki association. It was very interesting. What worried me was to read about Fred Fogarty and Mr Wilders saying that Fred was not an Aborigine. I knew Fred's mother-father. I went to school with his mother. Her maiden name was Alice Rouse. We grew up together. They lived next door in Purga Mission Settlement. Fred Fogarty's father, he lived in the Boys Home at Purga Mission. We all went to school together. I got photo to show that we went to school at Purga. Our teacher was a lady from Ipswich named Miss Wooley. So Mr Wilders and the Secret

Police can check on what I am saying. I would like you to publish this letter and show it to the powers that be. Fred, like myself, is an Aborigine.

Yours sincerely,

Les Davidson
8825 Boonatt Road, Churchill
Queensland.

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Dear friends, Today I read of your situation in "Tribune". I know quite a few people down here in Sydney who want to help but don't know how to. Please let me know your ideas.
Emanuel Morgan.

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* Writing letters to Canberra etc asking for action on things you read in Bunji helps us.

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Thanks for the BUNJI you have been sending us regularly. I hope you will continue with this paper as it is very welcomed and read a lot by members in the Swedish Indian League. A special thanks for sending the January issue by air so we could receive the good news that Fred Fogarty was freed and the not so good one that Darwin was destroyed during Christmas time.

Of course the Swedish papers and TV was only interested in what happened to the white people and twelve Swedes that were around at the time. Not a word of what happened to the Black people.

Have the people who were sent away to the south come back yet?

Yours,

Bengt Dagrin.
Norsborg, Sweden.

(*The permits stop free movement.)

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I am really pleased to see your 'SITUATIONS VACANT' notice on the front of your latest issue of BUNJI. I would encourage you, as I encourage our people here, to promote independence from Government hand-outs and resist dependence on white man's money. This is what we need to see and it is great!

I am not at all against you, in fact I am for you.

Bruce Duncan
Roebourne W.A.

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*The tribes need workers, to work in our own way, for the good of our people. Make Land Rights WORK.

After 200 years of destruction we will also need money help. Just look how much help and money the Darwin people are screaming for to get back on their feet after six hours of destruction, (the cyclone).

Letters (continued)

I note in your January edition of BUNJI that you are already aware of the recent Australian Government decision recognizing the Aboriginal land claim over the Kulaluk area. A final decision will be made once more detailed investigation and survey work has been completed.

I have referred the matter of the use of the Ludmilla dump to my colleague the Minister for Northern Development with the request that consideration be given to avoiding materials being deposited in the Ludmilla dump intruding into tidal waters.

Yours sincerely,
Ross Cass,
Minister for the Environment.

* The mangroves and creek must not be touched. Why cant the Canberra mob give a straight answer ?!

Dear Sir,

The following article was submitted to TIWI TALKABOUT last week with instructions that it was to be typed and sent to BUNJI. The writer is Tiwi and lives at Snake Bay. He is at present spending time in Pannic Bay jail. Pat McCauley.

"Why do white men take black women? I see many black women with white babies from white men.

If white people take black women, why dont we take white women?

White man gives black women beer first, to make them drunk, but if we tried that they would ring for the police. We would go to court for that White men dont.

Philip Patlas.

* Thanks for the letter Philip, but we dont agree that man "takes" woman.

White men use black women - that is true. They mostly do not care what happens to the "gins" or their 'white' babies.

The tribes should not make the same mistake.

How can the babies be 'white' as you say, if they are from a black mother? We are all Brothers and Sisters. Talk about this question with the women of Snake Bay.

Dear Sir,

This is a note to invite your organisation to join the Federal Council of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders. For an effective national pressure group and co-ordinating bodies working throughout Australia, it is important to re-build F.C.A.A.T.S.I. Mrs B.R. Scott, Townsville.

BUILDING A NEW CITY.

In Larrakia Country, they are building a new city. There must be some Aborigines to go to the meetings to plan this new city.

"Who can we send to the meetings?"

Louise Corpus was one person worried that there was no black at the meetings of the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Reconstruction Commission. Our sister said, "What about WALLY FEJO?"

Wally Fejo was elected by the Aborigines of the Darwin district to speak for them at the NACC.

"Where is Wally? We have not seen him since the cyclone!" said Richard Shields. This is no good at all. Wally Fejo is not doing his job.

So the people called a meeting. Sixty-five brothers and sisters were there. They voted for four nominations to the committee. These are - Bernie Valadian, Major Bangun, Aileen Fejo and Johnny Fejo. Good luck to them!

EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION

At Bagot Reserve there is a house specially made for Aboriginal way of living. Remember the photo in the paper of Davis Daniels getting the key. That house was one of the few not to get blown down at Bagot. So guess who is living there now? The European manager of the housing Association of course.

How about the Emergency accommodation for the Tribes in the old class room behind Woolworths? The pensioners would be sleeping on the bare floor except that the Gwalwa Daraniki found good beds and mattresses on the rubbish dump.

But there is no toilet or shower. No cooking place, no water. And all this is beside a big car park for all to see how our people live.

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THE NORTHERN LAND COUNCIL MEETING

It was explained that Mr F. Fogarty stated that he was going to represent the Kulaluk people at the next meeting. Mr Wilders pointed out to Fred that Mr J Crosby was the representative and that at the next meeting the council would change the name of the representative and that Mr J Crosby should go this time.

The Secretary also asked Mr F. Fogarty if there was any truth in the rumour that he was not an Aborigine but of Maori descent. Mr Fogarty denied this and said that he could prove it. The secretary then told Mr Fogarty that this might be a good idea, to stop talk once and for all.

The chairman stated that he did not like the tone of the telegram and he also explained how the charter flight was held up at the airport for an hour and a half waiting for the Kulaluk representative.

The council agreed unanimously that it was the Secretary's job to make sure that all members of the committee were of Aboriginised descent. (What about the secretary? Ed).

The Council instructed the Secretary to find out where the Kulaluk people were at this stage and who were their proper representatives.

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(Answer : Most of the people were in Victoria. Only Fred, Bessie, Valentine and Violet were living at Kulaluk in March 1975. These people asked Fred to go to Port Keats.

Now the people have returned we can elect a representative again but we want the Council to decide who is an Aborigine.

The Gwalwa Daraniki Association INC are sorry about the plane being held up.)

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March 26th:

A lengthy and somewhat heated debate followed the reading of the letter from Mr Barnard regarding Quail Island. The Council failed to see the necessity of a continued use for Quail Island, for bombing practises . .

(From minutes of Northern Land Council P.O. Box 3046 Darwin NT)

THE ISLANDS

Mrs Rivers has been telling us about these islands of the Wagait and Larrakia people. She looks after ULLMARR (Grose Is). Other names are Doon (Quail Is), Kabarl (Indian Is), Mulwichie (Sandy Is), Boctritree (Sandfly Is), Manabur (Vernon Is) and Mullahard (Peron Is).

One day the people will return to these dreaming places. In the meantime, thank you Mrs Rivers.

DEAD

Another young man has died at Knukeys Lagoon. One of the first members of the Gwalwa Daraniki Association.

Johnny Fejo explained why these young, strong people are dying. He said that the old people are angry because the law was not kept the right way. The ceremony was done wrongly. Things like that cause these people to die young, said Johnny.

HUNTING NEWS

The mob at the Fish Camp are upset because hunters are digging out crab holes.

They say that the big mud crab must be caught without digging the hole in the side of the creek. Next time you come back there will be another crab in the same hole. This makes hunting easy. If you dig, then next time you must look around for other holes.

Bruce Pott reminds hunters not to kill turtles on the beach.

Ripper Rankin speared a big stingray at Kulaluk. It was enough for Kathy secretary and her family as well as Barral and Unia.

THE SECRETARY

IS FED UP - by Bill Day

For four years I have been help-

The Aboriginal Tribes around

Darwin. We have had quite a bit

of success. It has been fun and

taken up a lot of time.

There are a lot of things we

could have done if I had the time.

Trouble is I have to go to work

to feed my family (two children).

Now Mr Cavanagh says it is hard

to get the right people to work

amongst Aborigines but he has

been considering the Gwalwa Daraniki application to have me as a

paid advisor for twelve months now

I see many people doing far less

than me on a very good wage.

Is this fair?

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