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MA NY TRIBES ----- ONE PEOPLE !

There is Wisdom in the Dreamtime Legends.....

## LIKE A BUSHFIRE BEFORE A CYCLONE...

OUR LAND TO LOOK AFTER SINCE TIME BEGAN. POISONOUS URANIUM ROCK MUST STAY IN THE GROUND !

"Fear of the consequences of uranium mining is spreading like a bush-fire through Aboriginal communities," said Peter O'Connor. He is a Methodist Minister and Town Clerk of Maningrida, on the Arnhem Land coast.

"There is a great fear. It is something very deep," he told Judge Fox at the Ranger mining inquiry on June first.

Jacob Nayinggul and Albert Balamana of Oenpelli say ... "What will they do with that place? They want to dig uranium they have found, then they will send it to different countries. The government wants the mine to send uranium to other countries to get big money to help run the country and the mining company who does the work will get big money too.

"Some people, black and white, are arguing about it. Some say uranium is no good, it is dangerous, can kill us people and animals and they say the countries we sell it to may make bombs to kill. No-one will be able to see how the other countries use the uranium.

"What are we going to do? Are they going to take it from us? Is it up to Europeans?" (Recorded on 20/1/76).

The cyclone that destroyed Larrakia country on Christmas Day 1974 is just a warning. Listen everybody before it is too late!

## BETRAYED ! THE FIGHT GOES ON!

It looks as though the new 'land rights' law means that most tribes will have to fight for each stone of their land, just as the GWALWA DARANIKI has always done. Learn from the Gurindji - Never give up!

The new law also takes away the powers of the Northern Land Council. At first companies like Ranger, ESSO, BHP, Pancontinental, Union Carbide, Thiess, Nabalco and Ormac thought they could use the Northern Land Council.

At every N.L.C. meeting big money and shares were offered -- this was getting dangerously close to open bribery and corruption.

But the N.L.C. members were slowly waking up. At each new meeting, the members (delegates) were speaking out more honestly for their people. Several times they asked all lawyers, mining men and other whites to leave the meeting. The members of the Northern Land Council were not going to be puppets for any lawyer or mining company!

The mining companies were disappointed and impatient. Now it looks like the companies will take away all the powers of the Land Councils to stop mining.

(NOTE: The Gwalwa Daraniki Association has suffered most from stupid actions by the N.L.C. -- more than any other group. For this trouble and confusion we blame two men. They are the secretary, John Wilders and the legal advisor, Hugh Bradley LLB. )

Aborigines can do without the NLC or the NACC to unite our people. For 40,000 years and more we have been many tribes, but ONE PEOPLE.

Watch out for the NT Legislative Assembly. They will be doing everything they can to divide us and rule us. Let them try! Blind fools like Kentish, Tambling and Letts cannot defeat the tribes.

THIS IS THE WAY THE DELEGATES WERE TALKING AT THE LAST NLC MEETING --- Jack Marriyan said, "We are all connected - we Aborigines. We got sacred places

We have dances for everything. I am dua Marriyan, no matter what country. Others are Yirritja, no matter what country. We lose a lot of country, no-one been ask us. We dont want to lose any more country. Singing, dancing, stories, that our culture. White Peller not have culture like us. We must stay together, one word." (from minutes of NLC 24/3/76).

Some readers of BUNJI live close to big libraries. They might be able to learn more about the LARRAKIA TRIBE for us by reading some of these stories. Below is a list of some articles about Darwins LARRAKIA TRIBE.

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These are a few things that have been written about the Larrakia people. There are many more books and diaries which tell about this tribe. This list comes from the Australian Institute of Aboriginal studies, Bibliography Series Number 1, 1966. So it is mainly anthropological. The history section of big libraries would hold a lot of information not listed here.

## BLACK NEWS

### £50,000 A YEAR !

The manager of the Roper Bar store stayed in Larrakia country on his way to retire in New Zealand. He admitted he made £50,000 profit in one year at the store. Ninety percent of his customers were the Roper River tribes.

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### WE CARE

A lady in Ludmilla told the newspaper she was surprised that the Larrakias did not care enough about their land to stop all the motorbikes tearing over part of Kulaluk. We do care. This is why we tried to stop the City Council bulldozing the area in 1974. And now when the Gwalwa Daraniki writes to the Department of the NT, the department says that they only deal with the Northern Land Council. (Latest news is that the bikes will be stopped on this "vacant crown land".

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### WALLY WHO ?

There is an inquiry into the NACC. Not many people in Larrakia country would miss the NACC. (It may be different in other areas).

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### DIED

Our good young friend David Nilco. (Last year D.N. was hit in the face by shotgun pellets in the attack on Railway Dam camp).

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### DEVELOP WHAT ?

Not many blacks marched on MAY DAY, for Land Rights. The Aboriginal Development Foundation does not agree with protest. Well, without the land the Gwalwa Daraniki fought for, the opportunists in the foundation will have nothing to develop!

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### GOOD MAN.

From the Newsletter of the Aboriginal Medical Service (AMS), March 76 - "Surprise! Surprise! The new Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Mr R. Viner, is shaping up to be the best minister we have ever had in terms of attempting to educate himself to the needs of Blacks and also in the way he conducts himself with Blacks. (He wouldn't have to be good to be the best minister when you consider the last three Labor Ministers).

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Koolamurinee (Bob Secretary) is in hospital. Get well soon Bob.

### THE GOOD DIE YOUNG

From the NT NEWS, 4/6/76. - "The NT Legislative Assembly has won an almost total victory over the Department of Aboriginal Affairs on Land Rights legislation.

The Minister for the NT, Mr Evan Aderman, supported the Assembly on all points of view in the cabinet. Mr Viner argued for legislation based on the report handed down by Judge Woodward.

### SNEAKY PETITION

From Roy Marika at Yirrkala - "We are not very happy with the petition sent from Nhulunbuy to Canberra last month with the man we know very well. He was sent only on behalf of Nhulunbuy community which is all white people. He is Legislative Assembly man at Nhulunbuy (Gove). He didn't come to Yirrkala council and get agreement. He was sneaky. We didn't know until petition sent and a copy arrive in our office. That man's name is Ballantyne."

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### TRUE COLORS

Remember it was Tambling of the Legislative Assembly who blocked the Railway Dam lease even after it was approved by Canberra. And Stack was worried about rates - so far she has said nothing about the rates she is missing out on from the vast residential area of the RAAF base.

### SUPPORT THE TRIBES OF THE CENTRE.

Luckily for all of us, the Alice Springs Legal Aid, the Central Land Council and the Central Congress are standing strong for the rights of the tribes. Brothers and Sisters of the centre, you have our support.

### "NOT A TERRITORIAN" SAYS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HYPOCRIT.

Rupert Kentish M.L.A., member for Arnhem spoke to the Legislative Assembly on April Pools Day. He said - "As far as we know Fred (Fogarty) is not a Territorian. And as far as we are concerned he would be a brown European. We want to see that the true Aboriginal people do not remain cold and wet while the brown territorians take over their possessions."

# Letters

Dear Sir,  
I read BUNJI and hand it around, will include a donation as you have been sending it so regularly for nothing with undoubtably only good intentions. Regards,

June Tapp  
Killarney Station.

\*Thanks June. Everyone should hand BUNJI around, pass it on. Also if the poor starving cattle ranchers can afford a donation, why not more of you - otherwise this may be the last BUNJI before 77.

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Gwalwa Daraniki.... Hau Kola  
(Greetings friend).  
We've written so many letters to folks in NEW Zealand and Australia and either they were not received or nobody had the courtesousy to reply.  
Perhaps it was the expense..... look what it has cost us to try!  
We are a native American work group with many projects. We'd like to extend a hand and our paper, meaning a place in our paper, to the native people of Australia. If you cannot reply to this letter, then PLEASE pass it on to someone who will!!!  
We will be happy to send you leaflets and information about OYATE at your request. We welcome you to our network - an international and fast developing network of people, groups and organisations.  
Who are you Gwalwa?  
Can you list others we should contact? Shouldn't our paper (Waya'sni) include the voice, humor, stories, traditions interests and problems of your people? Lets talk more....we anxiously await your suggestions and reply, hoping that ~~we~~ you will ride with us as we ride together,

Redwing? Oyate group  
9 Fairmont Ave  
HAVERSTRAW, NY  
U.S.A. 10927

P.S. How long did this letter take to reach you?

\* The mail took less than five days. The American Indians and the tribes of our continent are strengthening our common bond. The problems are the same and we think of our brothers and sisters at this time when the invaders are boasting of the 200 years occupation of Indian land without recognition of the thousands of years of Indian settlement across the americas. The destruction and murder of our people in Brazil is especially horrible. Their struggle is our struggle, for justice and land rights. We will be writing to the Oyate group, eh?

Dear friends,

I received a copy of your paper from a friend in England I hope this finds you well and in Harmony with the Earth.

I am concerned with the struggle of the native people of North America but it seems to me that all third world, oppressed and poor people are in the same struggle.

I hope to hear from you. May the Great Spirit guide you in the ways of the creation.

Georgina Matten,  
West Germany.

\*It is true what she says. And less than 500miles from the TIWI islands, the tribes of TIMOR ISLAND are being slaughtered by the killer cowardly rapists of the Indonesian army, an army which is used to also suppress the Indonesian people. This army of corrupt butchers is paid for by American and Australia taxpayers money. Please do everything you can to save the brave tribes of East Timor NOW!

## LAND RIGHTS IS JUSTICE

Goff Letts took thirteen members of the Legislative Assembly to Canberra to stop the Land Rights legislation. Thirteen members did not fly to Canberra to save the railway. Thirteen members did not fly to Canberra to save the meatworks. Thirteen members did not fly to Canberra to keep Darwin going.

The Assembly will try to make the people forget these mistakes by hysterical talk about land rights. Mr Tuxworth says the NT will be like "Northern Ireland, Rhodesia or the Middle East"(Palestine) if we get land rights. They all talk about "one law for white and one for black" They do not explain what this means. Already the jail is full of blacks. They say everyone is worried about land rights. Who? Not the meatworkers, not the railway workers or even the bankrupt cattle ranchers. Land rights will not cause any suffering - it will bring justice and equality, to eighty percent of the permanent 'territorians'.

If the government has troubles and the mining millionaires are screaming, too bad - dont blame it on the blacks Letts, Tambling and Kentish!

People pushed into a corner will fight to the death.

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