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Many Tribes

One People

SAYS "GO", BILL SAYS "NO" MANAGER

> MOVE" SAYS WILL NOT

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24th October, 1983

Mr William Bartlett Day, Kululak Community, Dick Ward Drive, NIGHTCLIFF. N.T. 5792.

Dear Sir,

RE: NOTICE TO VACATE.

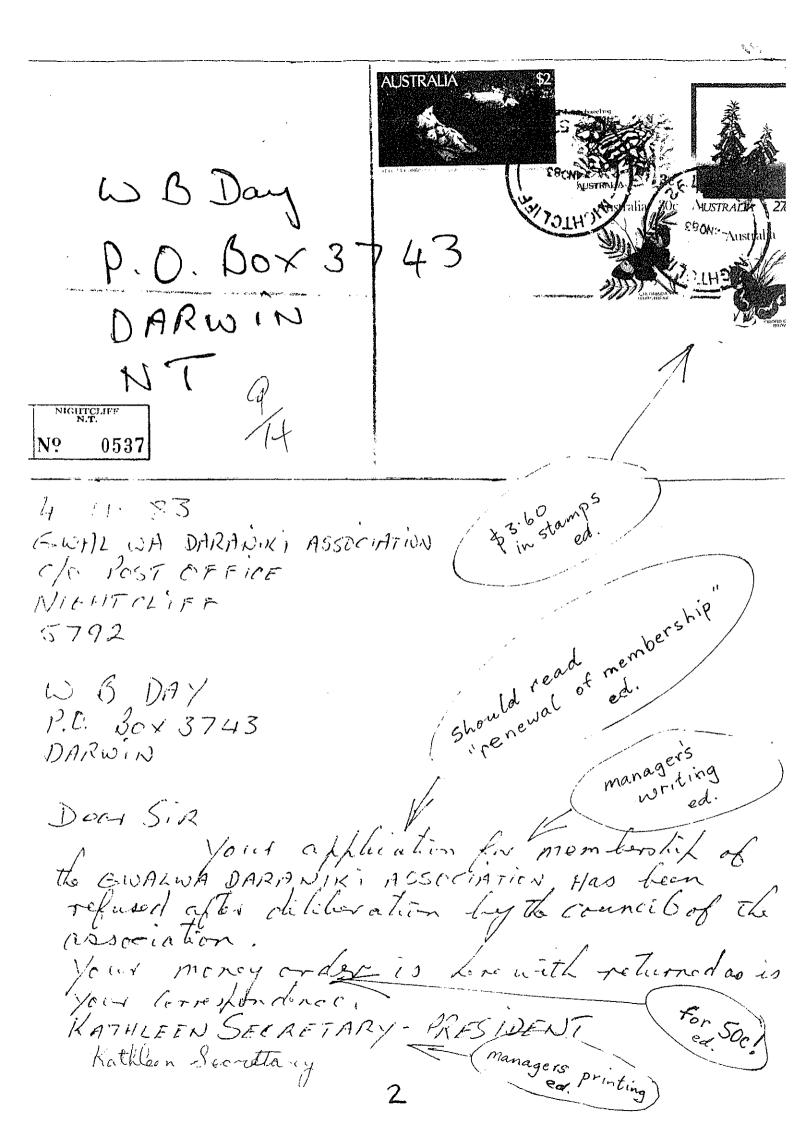
I am instructed by the executive committee of the Gwala Daraniki Association to give you notice which I hereby do that your license to stay on their land known as Special Purpose Lease Number 465 lot 8630 Town of Nightcliff is hereby revoked.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that you are to vacate the said PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that you are to vacate the said land within one week of this notice failing which to proceed with legal action to I am instructed to proceed with legal action to evict you which may penalise you to costs.

Yours faithfully,

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Solicitor.



FREE SPEECH THE ISSUE.

Afew days after the crazy drain digging plan was stopped (see story this issue), the angry Secretary/Manager, Richard Baugh, held another of his secret meetings where he told his committee more lies about Kulaluk resident, Bill Day.

Baugh got an eviction notice, using some whiteman law, ordering BUNJI editor Bill Day off Kulaluk land within seven days. Not only was this unfair, but it was a bad mistake because......

- 1. This same whiteman eviction law can be used against <u>anyone</u> of any color, living on an urban special purpose lease. The Aboriginal Legal Aid should not make a precedent by using this law.
- 2. Baugh is acting like a superintendent in the bad old days.
- 3. No reason was given for eviction of an association member and no charges to answer.
- 4. If the matter is taken to court, unconstitutional acts and other irregularities will be revealed.

The manager has now said , on TV, that Day is to be evicted for not paying "rent". The answer to this is......

- 1. Day has no tap, electricity or any other services.
- 2. Kulaluk should not pay City Council rates, as was explained in the September BUNJI.
- 3. No financial statements were given at the last Annual General Meeting, and we all know what was happening to the rent money under the last "President/Manager."
- Day has given his services free to the Kulaluk land claim since 1971.
- 5. One weeks notice after $4\frac{1}{2}$ years residence is very cruel.

If there are to be evictions, they should be under by-laws of a constitutional association controlled by Aborigines, not under some whiteman law.

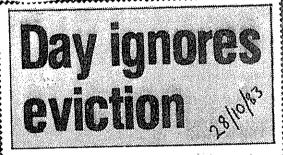
This is the advice the North Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid <u>should have</u> given the Gwalwa Daraniki Association Inc.

FREE SPEECH THE REAL ISSUE

The truth is that "rent" is only an excuse for the eviction. (Day has never been asked to pay rent). The NT Government and their Collaborators are moving towards the Queensland style of eliminating people branded as "radicals".

This <u>is</u> one charge Baugh has often made against Day and this newsletter.

As this edition is being prepared, the battle is still continuing and further moves are expected soon.



Aboriginal rights activist, Mr Bill Day, says he will ignore an eviction notice from the Gwala Daraniki Association to leave Kulaluk.

Day, who has devoted a large part of his life to fighting causes on behalf of Aborigines, has been given until Monday to move out — otherwise legal action could be taken.

"It's a family argument and I think it can be settled away from the courts," Mr Day said.

Settle

"I'll keep negotiating to keep it out of the courts but if they want to, we'll settle it there.

Mr Day, who has lived at Kulaluk for many years, believes he is within his rights to stay there.

"Some old people who are new dead asked me to look after the land and I believe that is what I am doing . . . looking after the land."

As a former officer of the association and one who helped to set up the Kulaluk community, he said there were many loopholes in the Gwalwa Daraniki constitution which was never designed for a land owning body.

Critical

Mr Day, who is editor of an Aboriginal land rights newsletter, Bunji, was highly critical of recent association elections.

The Gwalwa Daraniki Association could not be contacted for comment.



VANDALISM!

The 'mud map' on the next page shows drains which were to be dug by the Darwin City Council on Kulaluk land. The City Council says Aborigines saw this map and approved the drains. The Secretary. Manager says that these drains were approved by his committee.

HOW COULD ANY ABORIGINAL PERSON WHO CARES FOR THEIR LAND AGREE TO THIS MAJOR ENGINEER-ING WORK WHEN.....

- 1. The map shows the drains alright, but bugger-all else. There is <u>not one</u> suvey peg in the ground to show where the drains will actually go and even the engineers admit the lines on the map are not exact.
- 2. One drain appears to cut through the old Bagot cemetery (A).
- 3. The drains and the heavy machinery to dig them, cut through unspoilt jungle, the home of the jungle fow and other wildlife (B).
- 4. The old rice field / bird sanctuary is to be an ugly web of drains. (C)
- 5. Healthy mangroves where families gather shellfish will be smashed to the ground(D)
- 6. Salt water at high tides will flow into a fresh water swamp. (E)
- 7. No detailed environmental impact study was made, according to our research.
- 8. The drains will need to be cleared at least once a year we are told. They will be easements and we will lose control of more of our land.
- 9. It can be proved that the drains are guess work, and will be ineffective as drains.

STOPPED BY PROTESTS.

Despite all these fears, the huge drain digging machine moved into Kulaluk on Thursday October 20th (Note eviction notice is dated the 24th). The Manager lead the contractors to the tidal creek where their mechanical monster smashed our footbridge (F). It then became deeply bogged in the mud and it took all day to get out of the bog.

Next day the machine moved to the grassy swamp (C).

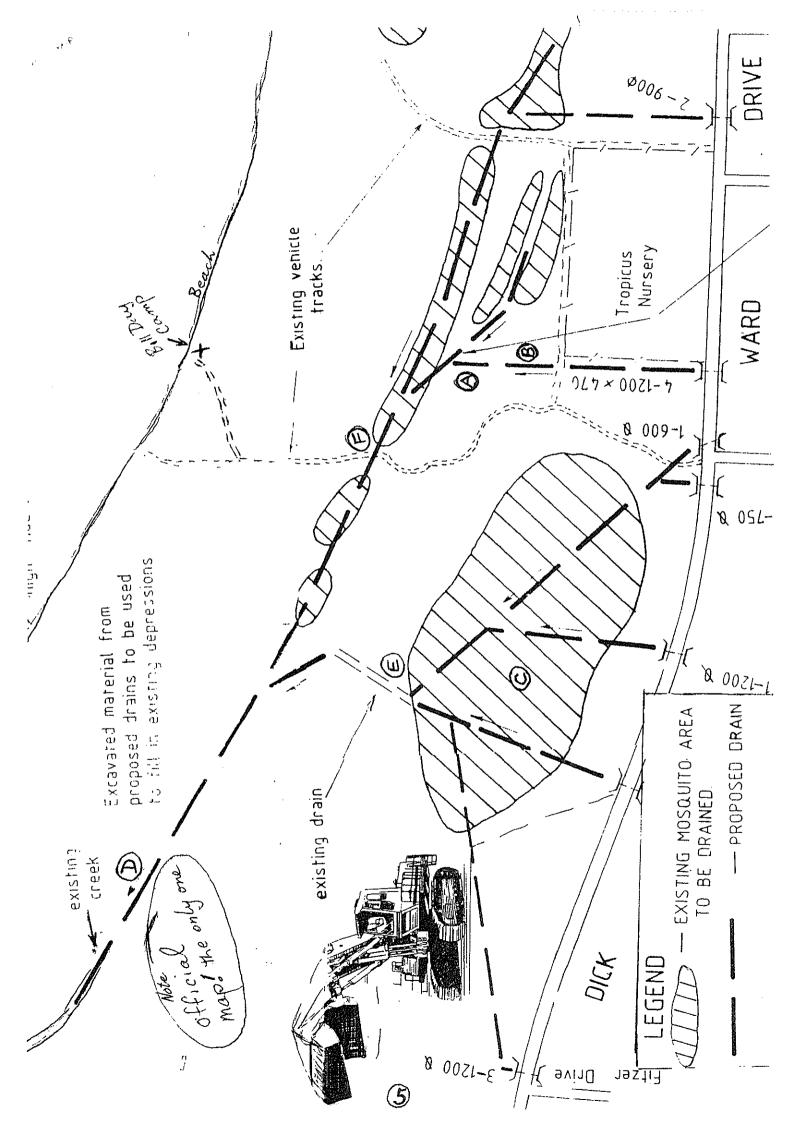
TELEVISION FILM CREW THREATENED

Channel 8 TV were called to film the destruction. Baugh called the cops and ordered the TV crew to be arrested. Bill Day was present and gave the City Council 48 hours to get off Kulaluk land.

Because of these public protests and many "behind the scenes" protests, the machine pulled out later that day. This made the Manager more angry. The engieers threatened to get giant mud walking pads for their monster and return. They have not returned, yet, but we are ready for them if they do.

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL - Map on next page

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Last year, Geoff McDonald's Red Over Black - Behind the Aboriginal Land Rights was warmly welcomed by Bjelke-Petersen and his ilk as the definite proof that the land rights movement was all a Russian plot, aimed at gaining control of the Deep North and eventually all of Australia.

Today, it is very difficult to find a copy of McDonald's book in Sydney or Melbourne. But up in Alice Springs, it is a best-seller.

This is in no small measure due to the active support given by Alice Springs Country-Liberal MHA Denis Collins. Collins financed its widespread distribution in the Alice, and encouraged local newsagents to place it prominently on display. Visiting tourists are encouraged to buy it.

Local Whites, conservative religious groups and assorted racist groups are also getting the book circulated in Aboriginal settlements. They are warning Blacks of the great conspiracy by "part-Aborigines" and radical White supporters

McDonald also rambles through other ultra-right causes: why we should keep the Australian flag; how stopping the Franklin dam is all a communist plot; how White police 50 years ago didn't rape Black women; the evils of pot, and the glories of the RSL.

Enough said. McDonald's writings would not be worth a line except for the fact that they are promoted by the extreme right in the Liberal and National Parties.

Even more disturbing are the international connections of Veritas Publishing Company in Western Australia, the publishers of Red Over Black (see box this page).

World's poor will not tolerate rich

TORONTO. - The world's poor will not tolerate much longer the advantage in food and arms possessed by the rich nations, Zimhabwean babwean Prime Minister, Mr Robert Mugabe has warned.

"The great majority of mankind will not agree

to starve to death,
"The most dangerous threat to peace and security in the world today is the very nature of the unequal relationship existing between rich, industrialised nations and the impoverished vast majority of the Third World," he said.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT.

When Matthew, aged nine years was asked to draw a picture for BUNJI, this is what he drew. (BELOW) What a brilliant

imagination !

Matthew says it is the prisoners and the guards and a flag.....

Matthew. A.

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McDonald's racist publisher **Veritas Publishing Company**

Printers - Publishers - Distributors of Fine Books

Veritas Publishing Company of Bullsbrook, Western Australia, advertises as "printers, publishers and distributors of fine books". Among the "fine books" it publishes and distributes is Geoff McDonald's ultra-right Red Over Black.

Veritas also distributes "fine books" from the USA and Britain. According to a recent publicity flyer, it is now promoting three books on "raciology" which will help it take "its place among the sciences".

The Testing of Negro Intelligence, Vol. 2, by US writers R Travis Osborne and Frank C J McGurk, summarises over 100 tests and

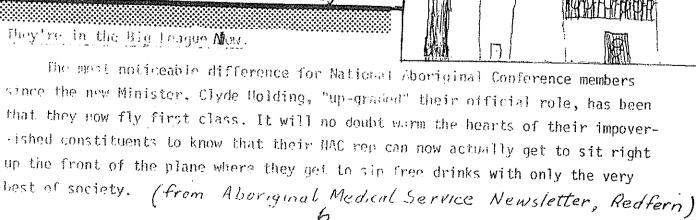
'concludes naturally that "negros" are inferior in intelligence. Similarly, Twins by R Travis Osborne presents studies of identical, fraternal black and white twins and "proves" the black one is inferior.

These books are part of a drive to give racism a respectable, academic cover. They compensate, in the words of Veritas, for the neglect of race studies in the West "for almost half a century, largely because of the negative reaction to Hitlerism".

Links outlined here between persons associated with Red Over Black and McDonald and anti-semitism and racism must be matters of concern to all involved.

"TRIBUNE"

by - D.F.



LETTERS

Dear BUNJI,

Call of

It wasvery upsetting to read in the September BUNJI about what had happened at Kulaluk with the sacking of the new committee and its newly appointed President TIBBY QUALL.

Also it was ridiculous to read that it was the Secretary / Manager Richard Baugh who was responsible for this stupid action. Has he really got the power to do this?

If I remember rightly, a few years ago, this guy stirred the Aboriginal people up to get rid of Bill Day and to get him off Kulaluk land.

I wonder what his game is?

As far as I am concerned, Bill Day has done more for the larrakias and the rest of the Aboriginal people who use Kulaluk than anybody else. Speaking of Aboriginal people, is Baugh Aboriginal himself?

If he is Aboriginal and very concerned about what is happening at Kulaluk, why didn't he just pay the fifty cents out of his own pocket? Surely the new members and the new President would have repaid him. "What's fifty cents?" I hope this Richard Baugh isn't turning out like Albert Treeves. Sounds like this guy is covering up something, or is he just being spiteful and jealous?

Why didn't he call the second meeting at 7.30pm wheb it would have been possible for the other people to attend because of work commitments? Did he advertise or get in touch with the media like the Aboriginal Hour on 8TOPFM, the NT News or 8DN.

I personally feel he should just stick to his job managing and let the committee get itself organised.

Anyway I hope this sort of thing is cleared up and no more bitching, stop trying to stab each other in the back. Get organised!

Apart from all this I enjoy reading BUNJI and I hope everyone supports and gives generously towards the target of raising \$500.

MAMAK from George "Burrie" Butler PO Box 1271, KATHERINE NT

Thanks for the letter . George Butler was on the Kulaluk committee before he moved to Katherine. I doubt the manager would chuck in 50¢ as he refused to give me

an allowance for postage stamps while I was Secretary last year ! BD (Editor).

Dear BUNJI.

Your copy of BUNJI arrived at the school a few weeks back, and I want to say thanks for sending me a copy.

Ι noted the news item on school excursions and agree wholeheartedly with what you say.

The beach camp is a truly beautiful area and the lessons to be learned are . invaluable. I hope to be lucky enough to bring my class there one day in the not too distant future.

Anne Phelan. Teacher, Millner Primary School. NT.

Dear BUNJI,

Thankyou for the September

issue. I am now on the age pension. A

blow came last week from the tax man. 5% of the small lump sum I got. I'd been expecting a rebate, and was going to send that to BUNJI!

Interesting item about Fred Fogarty, trying to make out he is not Aboriginal. It was tried with my friend Kath Walker at times Hope BUNJI keeps going.

Best wishes from Joan Walker Strawberry Hills NSW.

Dear BUNJI,

It was good to hear you are still battling on.

Give my regards to all the mob up your way and keep up the good work.

Yours in the Struggle

Donations of \$2 dollars or over are Tax Deductib.

Please make all cheques payable to the Aboriginal Medical Service

Aboriginal activist Gary Foley launching the book Settle Down Country in Adelaide

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NEWS

BRIEFS

PETROL SNIFFING IN DARWIN

As reported in the last BUNJI, petrol sniffhas spread to the city. On November 3rd a group of twenty primary school children were caught sniffing in the school grounds. In another incident, one boy is in hospital with serious petrol burns.

PIGS AT KULALUK

The wild pig problem has worsened. Yet last year when Conservation Rangers were hunting the stray buffalo, they were told by the Drive-in Camp, not to shoot any pigs. Why? Did someone want to turn Kulaluk into a pig farm?

Col KROHN DOESN'T READ BUNJI

Talk Back man Krohn said on his show that he never reads his BUNJI. If he did , he might know what he was talking about for a change. 8DN News might get some good tips too e.g. the story above.

THE NT NEWS HYPOCRICY

The NT News gave Clyde Holding a hard time for calling a re-run of the NLC elections. Holding only insisted that that the count be held according to the rules. Otherwise a precedent would be set for later voting. But the NT News ignores all kinds of funny business going on under its very nose (as reported in Darwins free press, BUNJI).

Darwin's wharfies very kindly paid for the postage of the last BUNJI.

Our good friend Stan in Melbourne paid our printing bills.

Other donations from around the nation have helped get this rather urgent edition out to you. We couldn't keep going withour Dick Borton of COSTLESS PRINTING who does the job of printing 500 copies for the barest charge (\$120 for the last issue).

HOPE TO HAVE SOME GOOD NEWS NEXT TIME. Ed.

THE RACIAL DISCRIMINATION ACT AND YOU

The Racial Discrimination Act makes it unlawful for someone to treat you differently, that is, discriminate against you, because of your race, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin, in a way that interferes with or prevents you enjoying basic human rights or freedoms. In particular, it is unlawful to discriminate against anyone in:

- employment;
- entry to or use of public places, such as parks, beaches, toilets, restaurants, theatres, swimming pools, hotels, motels or hospitals;
- entry to or use of public vehicles such as buses, trains, ferries or taxis;
- renting or selling land, houses, flats or other accommodation;
- · selling or leasing any goods, or providing services;
- joining trade unions.

It is also unlawful for a person to:

- advertise that he or she will do something that amounts to racial discrimination; or
- encourage or help anyone to do something that amounts to racial discrimination.

Governments and government officials are acting against the law if they do things that discriminate against you because of your race.

However the Racial Discrimination Act does *not* prohibit special short-term measures taken to help people of one race or ethnic origin so that they can enjoy human rights and freedoms equally with people of other races.

Anyone in Australia who thinks he or she has a complaint about racial discrimination can complain to the Commission. It is the job of the Commissioner to do what he can to help.

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