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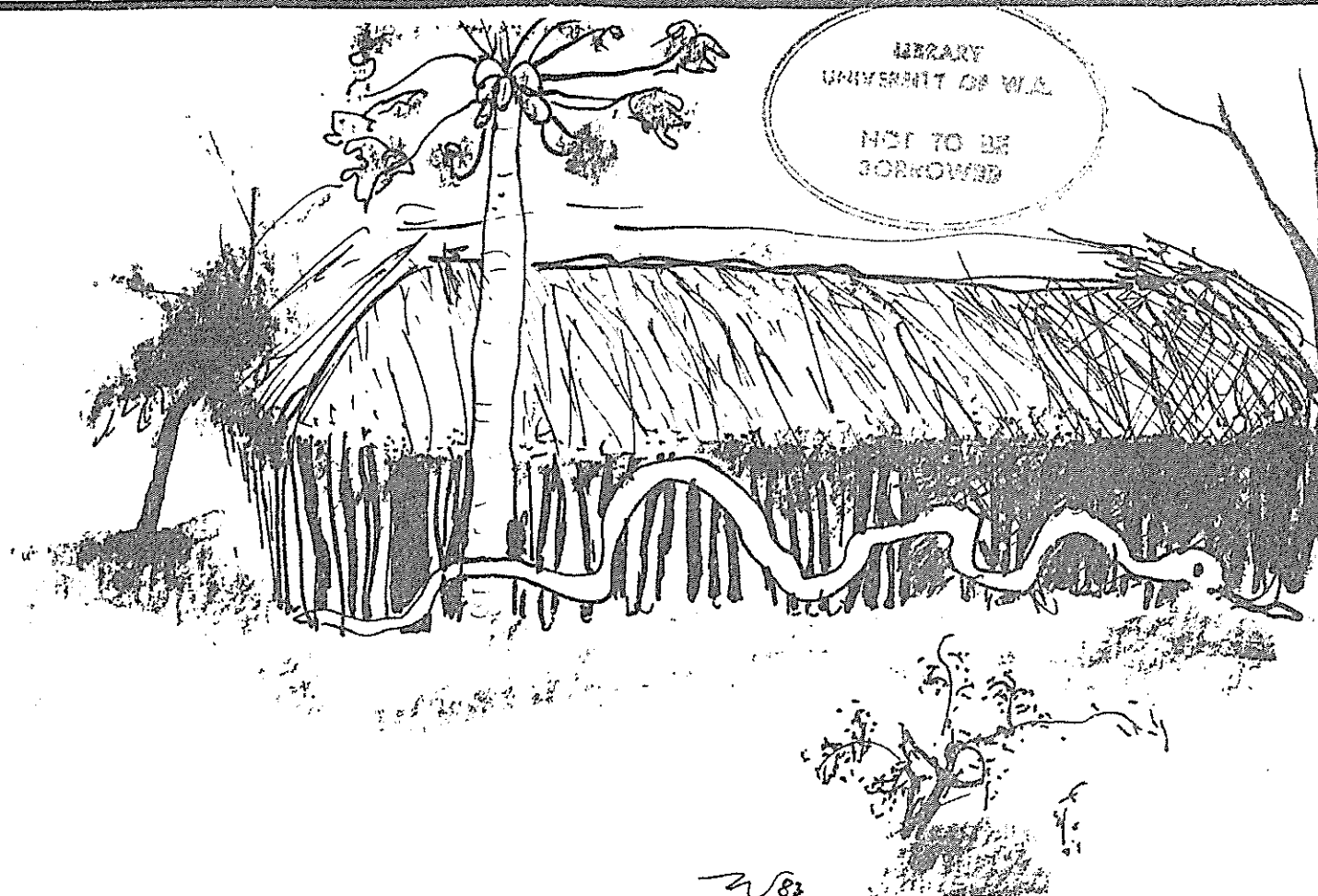
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Many Tribes — One People



COVER PICTURE : A CAMP ON THE BEACH AT KULALUK. Sketch by M. Watkins. July 1983

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ASIO and LAND RIGHTS

The Australian Secret Intelligence Organisation (ASIO) and other spies have been involved in Aboriginal land rights on the north coast of the Northern Territory since the early seventies.

The north coast is seen as a "sensitive area" while the centre has not experienced so much interference and surveillance. This is why the central tribes are more "radical", because that is the natural direction any true Aboriginal movement would take, if it was permitted.

WOODWARD MOVES FROM LAND RIGHTS TO ASIO

Judge Woodward did a pretty good job when he was employed to investigate how the first land rights law could be made. His final report in 1974, set up the northern and central land councils.

His next job was as boss of ASIO. Woodward was shocked to learn how involved ASIO had already become in his "baby", the Northern Land Council. Woodward set to work to clean out the more clumsy ASIO agents and interference in the land rights movement.

1984 - YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED.

A famous book called "1984" describes how spies working for the "government" did not allow the people any freedom to organise. With all the talk of a black political party, and the NAC going to speak at the United Nations, we can be sure ASIO will once again become active in the top end. They do not want a powerful black movement working for true self determination.

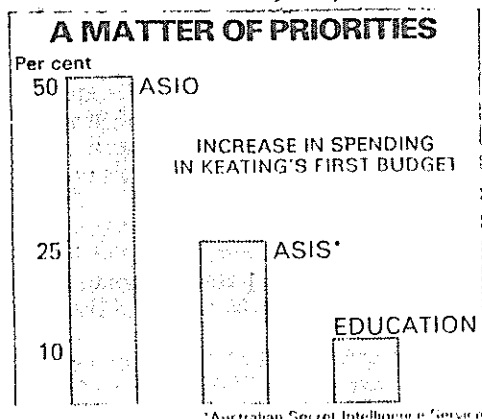
CALDER'S GIVE-AWAY ADVERTISEMENT

ASIO works for the COUNTRY LIBERAL PARTY. In May, 1974 the CLP said BUNJI would be stopped. From Sam Calder's ad it can be seen that even the CIA was interested in land rights. ("BUNJI and Multi-Million Dollar Problems NT News 15th May 1974-right)

Calder's "people of honesty and integrity" would be spies and government agents. Luckily, Whitlam won that election and BUNJI was not "stopped". Whitlam was sacked six months later.

However it does not make much difference which government is in power because the work of ASIO is secret.

The graph below is from the National Times, September 3rd



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VIEWS ON THE NEWS

BUNJI and MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR PROBLEMS

Last Sunday, Bunji again came into the local news. Many people now think the Editor, Mr William Bartlett Day, should be stopped, because his views are not in the best interests of Aborigines or Australians.

Aboriginal affairs are now of international interest, because the Woodward Report recommends that the multi-million dollar Palm Valley gas deposits be given to the Aboriginal people, and Arnhem Land Reserves be converted to "freehold" land and given to the Aboriginal people. The mining rights, as stated, are confusing to everyone. If this massive wealth is to be given to the Aborigines, then people of honesty and integrity must assist and administer Aboriginal Affairs. The Labor Party Minister has stated their policy to be disastrous, so it would be disastrous to continue to leave future decisions in the hands of Labor and Labor supporters.

The following is a sample of Mr Day's stirrings in Bunji:

"We should do everything we can to help John Waters win the voting for the Labor Party. All tribes march on May Day this Monday 6th. Free bus from Bagot to Town on Monday morning - leaving 9.20 am. Be outside the Union Office in Wood Street by 9.45 am for the march."

If this is Labor's way, then God help us.

We do not believe the Aboriginal people are concerned with the above, so the "white" stirrings should be stopped.

You can put a stop to this lawlessness by voting Liberal-Country Party on May 18.

Vote [1] SAM CALDER

NEXT PAGE THE DIRTY TRICKS DEPARTMENT

SUBMISSION WITHDRAWN

The Northern Land Council yesterday withdrew its submission to the Ranger uranium inquiry after the presiding chairman, Mr Justice Fox, described it as "unsatisfactory and unhelpful."

The submission had been presented on the council's behalf by Dr Peter Davis, Reader in Medical Biology in the Department of Medicine at the University of Adelaide.

In his evidence Dr Davis said that in broad terms the NLC found acceptable the Environmental Impact Statement proposed by Ranger Uranium Mines Pty Ltd.

In reply to questions by Justice Fox, Dr Davis said the submission had been agreed to by the NLC secretary, Mr John Wilders, the legal adviser, Mr Hugh Bradley, it had never been put to the NLC as far as he was aware.

Unsatisfactory, inquiry told

After further questioning Mr Wilder said, "The NLC says it hasn't been given enough time to make a detailed study. I would like to do some study with the Aborigines."

Justice Fox replied, "Yet you let Dr Davis present this as a final view on behalf of the Northern Land Council?"

Finally he said "I find the whole handling of this matter on behalf of the Northern Land Council most unsatisfactory and unhelpful to this Commission."

"Where does this leave us now?"

"I think you should withdraw with your legal adviser and decide what you should do."

And to Mr Bradley, "This is very unsatisfactory. We have had some very unsatisfactory witnesses and now it's got worse."

"If this is not the opinion of the Northern Land Council, why is it not?"

PART OF A
STORY PRINTED
IN THE "NT NEWS"
3rd OCTOBER
1975.

URANIUM - A QUESTION OF INTERNATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE

John Wilders, the Northern Land Council's first secretary, was a man with close connections to South Africa. At that time Mr Justice Fox was making decisions about the future of uranium mining. Wilders told Judge Fox in Darwin that the Oenpelli people wanted uranium mining to start as soon as possible. BUNJI had been warned of this lie by reading the NLC minutes and we printed a special edition headed "GREEN ANTS STING", in time to warn Judge Fox. The NLC lies were exposed in the court by the questions of Judge Fox (See NT News story printed at the top of this page).

CAMPAIGN OF FEAR AGAINST GWALWA DARANIKI

At about this same time, Aborigines were taken to the NLC lawyers office and seriously warned that leaders of the land rights movement were "trying to start a war". These ridiculous lies convinced the Knuckles Lagoon mob to pull out of the Gwalwa Daraniki movement. They joined the new Aboriginal Development Foundation which worked closely with the bureaucrats.

WHY THIS STORY IS BEING TOLD TODAY

BUNJI has not printed the truth before, about these events, because we did not expect many readers to take it seriously. Recent happenings in Canberra concerning the work of ASIO may convince you that dirty tricks have been used against Aboriginal so-called "radicals" for many years. Learn from the past. Be alert for ASIO dirty tricks. Foreward to self determination! Stand Strong Together!

*Waves coming up: high waves coming up
against the rocks,
Breaking, shi. shi.
When the moon is high with its light upon the
waters:
Spring tide; tide flowing to the grass,
Breaking, shi. shi.
In its rough waters, the young girls bathe.
Hear the sound they make with their hands
as they play!*

LEFT: A POEM FROM THE BOOK
"THE FIRST AUSTRALIANS" BY
R.M. & C.H. BERNDT
(Introduction to
Chapter Ten).

(A Laragia traditional song: now a lament for the country which is
no longer theirs.)

FOGARTY SLANDERED - NO EVIDENCE GIVEN.

The dirty tricks continued. Fred Fogarty, land rights fighter, was slandered at his trial. Without any evidence, it was stated that he was not Aboriginal. This lie was printed on the front page of the NT NEWS (below, 24th August 1974).



A Supreme Court jury yesterday took little more than an hour to find Aboriginal land rights campaigner Fred Fogarty guilty of four charges relating to the "firebombing" incident at Kulaluk last July.

After the verdict, the prosecutor, Mr Bill Raby, said he had information that Fogarty's father was a Maori and his mother part-Maori and part Chinese.

This was very damaging to Fred and to the movement. For example, the Northern Land Council refused to accept him as a delegate for the Darwin area (see newspaper cutting on the right).

There is plenty of proof that Fogarty is Aboriginal. There is, and never has been, one shred of evidence that Fogarty is not Aboriginal. However, this slander was a very effective trick to discredit our fight for land and justice.

NLC STIRS WHITE ANGER IN LUDMILLA

Our work from 1971 to 1975 made sure the Kulaluk claim was well known and generally accepted. When the claim was ready to go to court, at the last minute, without consultation, the NLC added 126 homes and the Drive-in Theatre to the claim.

RACISM AGAIN AS DARWIN BLACKS COUNT CYCLONE COST

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DARWIN: The latest issue of BUNJI, appeared here last week, with continuing evidence of discrimination.

Fred Fogarty was refused permission to attend the Northern Land Council meeting on March 25 and 28, to represent the Larrakia, because a white official, Mr. Wilders, said he was not an Aboriginal.

Fred recently went to Brisbane where he found "plenty of evidence to prove he was Aboriginal in blood and soul."

Kulaluk claim extended:

MORE LAND WANTED BY ABORIGINALS

NT News
16th MAY
1975

The Kulaluk Aboriginal land claim has been extended to include 126 home sites and other blocks including the Nightcliff drive-in theatre.

The claim was formally enlarged at yesterday's hearing of the claim by the interim NT Aboriginal Land Commissioner, Mr Justice Ward.

The changes were announced by Mr Hugh Bradley, the lawyer representing the Larrakia "and associated Aborigines" making the claim.

Mr Justice Ward said the claim was now radically different to the area advertised as the claim to be considered at the hearing.

The story in the NT NEWS (above) made white residents angry. They thought Aborigines were trying to throw them from their homes. This was just the sort of ammunition the enemies of land rights wanted. What a dirty trick!

Luckily for the Gwalwa Daraniki, Judge Ward was a wise man. He understood what was going on. The Interim Land Commissioner, Dick Ward, quickly stopped this nonsense. He continued to hear the land claim as we originally made it. The NLC, of that time, had almost destroyed our credibility, and our claim.

LETTERS

Dear BUNJI,

We are studying various aspects of Aboriginal media. We are trying to collect samples of publications by Aboriginal organisations throughout the NT. Could you send us one copy of BUNJI. The May 1983 edition would be most helpful to us to trace other articles.

Nguiu Ngingawila Literature Production Centre, Bathurst Island NT.

Dear BUNJI,

I was pleased to read in your May issue of BUNJI that you have amassed a collection of the press story of land claims in Darwin. I would like a copy of this collection for our institute.

Natascha McNamara, Director, Aboriginal Training & Cultural Institute, BALMAIN NSW

Dear BUNJI,

I am a third year undergraduate studying politics at Plymouth Polytechnic. I am most interested in doing a project on Aboriginal land rights. I would be very grateful if you could send me any information which may be of some help to me.

Miss Gerry Roche, PLYMOUTH, ENGLAND.

Write to BUNJI at PO Box 3743, Darwin NT. If you do not wish your letter published please mark it NFP (not for publication). DONT FORGET BUNJI CANNOT CONTINUE WITHOUT DONATIONS. WE HAVE ONLY RECEIVED \$105 AS A RESULT OF THE URGENT APPEAL FOR \$500..... \$395 needed urgently.

ABORIGINAL SACRED SITES STUDY OF KULALUK

An ASSPA study of our land should be finished soon. It will tell the history of land use in the area - before, during and after the occupation, right up to the present. It should be a useful document.

KULALUK NEWS

MUD CRABS ARE DIAPPEARING FROM KULALUK CREEK.

THOUGHTLESS people in boats are setting dozens of crab pots along Ludmilla Creek at high tides.

Aborigines hunt in the mud at low tide. We do not take more than we need.

Government law says only THREE POTS at the most are permitted and NO commercial fishing in the creek.

These laws will be enforced to save our traditional food supply in the creek.

The upper part of the creek is inside the Kulaluk boundary, and boats can be stopped from going there, if necessary.

DIED.....Land rights fighter, Norman Harris (BARRAL). Our Daribah took part in most of the protests and once camped on Quail Island to stop the jets using this dreaming place for bombing practice. BUNJI readers will remember his name over the last twelve years. Norman used to work for the Harris family, of the old Star Pictures, and thats how he got his white-fellow name. We will miss old daribah.

Kulaluk Wild Pig Problem. The Bow Hunters Club said they would help kill the feral pigs breeding in the Kulaluk swamp and jungle, but nothing. A friend with a pig dog has caught three. Plenty still there.

Several Darwin school classes have shown an interest in coming down for an excursion. An excursion area/nature trail could give a few people a job and improve black-white understanding.

Cabinet Minister Roger Steele says no to "transient" compound (and BUNJI agrees) Cabinet Minister Ian Tuxworth says it will go ahead. Where is "cabinet solidarity"

Maryln Wilson of Fitzer Drive, take the rubbish from your next Tupperware party to the dump, not the Kulaluk bush.

\$20,000 GRANT TO GWALWA DARANIKI ASSOC.

Money has been provided to clean up the rubbish left during the occupation. The work will be done between Bagot Road and Dick Ward Drive. This will also stop the uncontrolled bushfires in the area.

PETROL SNIFFING COMES TO TOWN.

More and more Darwin kids are trying petrol sniffing. If this habit becomes the fashion, it will be very hard to stop it.

In the last twelve months, it does seem to be on the increase in the city.

It is a dangerous thing to do, as this drawing from "JUNGA YIMI" so clearly shows.

Parents don't let this happen to your children



RAAF's new toy

The Budget confirmed Australia's commitment to buy 75 new F-18 fighter planes, at a program cost of about \$30 million each. Some idea of the money at stake can be gained from the fact that a Budget allocation of \$10 million this year will fund over 200 new child care projects.

Blacks rival Einstein in recall



ALBERT EINSTEIN

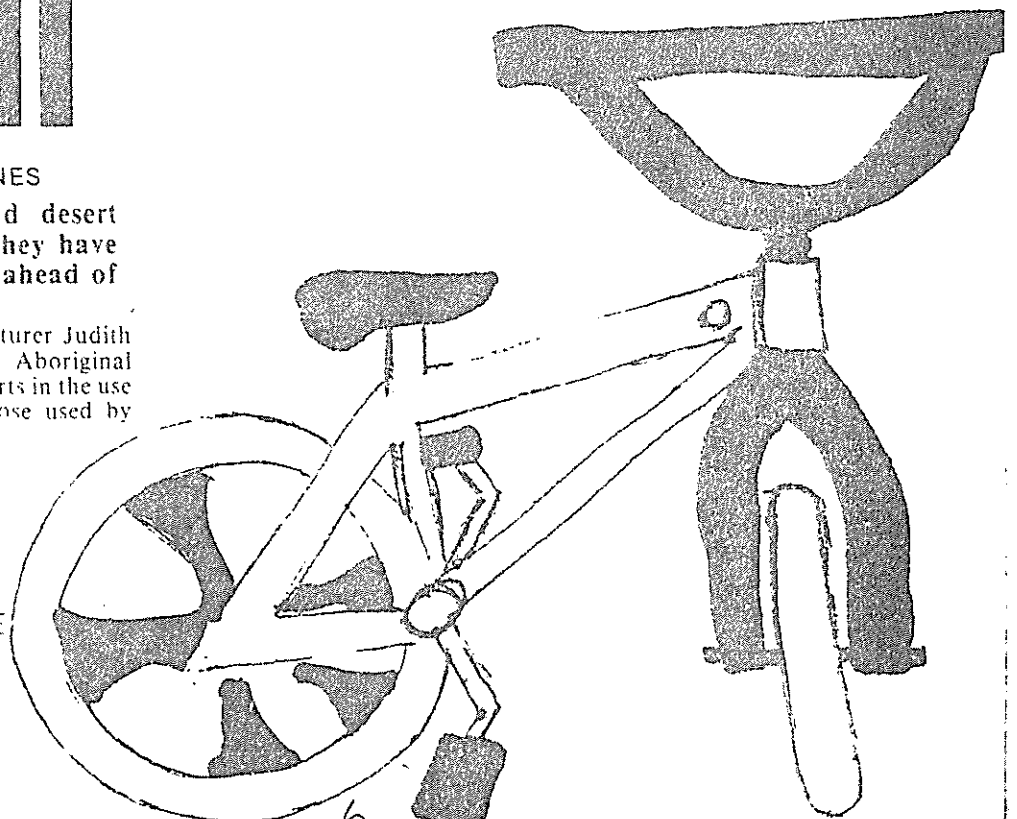
By MICHAEL SINCLAIR-JONES

A 10-year study of fringe and desert Aboriginal children has found they have Einstein-like memory skills way ahead of white children of a similar age.

According to senior psychology lecturer Judith Kearins of the University of WA, Aboriginal children surpass their white counterparts in the use of memory techniques similar to those used by physicist Albert Einstein.

Mrs Kearins found that ordinary IQ tests were biased towards people of European origin or ancestry.

RIGHT: DRAWING OF A BICYCLE
BY NATHAN JAMES OF BAGOT
RESERVE, DARWIN (July 83)



LABOR GOVT. CALLED TO ACT ON BOUNDARIES AND RATES.

On June 23rd, 1975, Dick Ward, the Interim Aboriginal Land Commissioner, sent his report on the Kulaluk land claim to the Labor Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Les Johnson. They were very good recommendations for the first land claim heard. Darwin Aborigines expected all of Dick Ward's recommendations to be accepted by the Whitlam government that was then in Canberra.

RECOMMENDATIONS IGNORED

There were changes in government and it was not until 1979 that a part of the Kulaluk claim was returned. Most of Judge Wards recommendations were ignored. Labor is back in power in 1983. Labor must see that the proper Kulaluk boundaries are recognised. The boundaries that were agreed to, back in 1975.

NT GOVERNMENT RATE RIP-OFF ON ABORIGINAL LAND.

Labor must stop the Everingham Government and its Department of Community Development from charging Kulaluk ten thousand dollars a year for rates. We cannot pay \$10,000 a year in rates. We will not pay \$10,000 a year in rates. Read what Dick Ward said in June 1975 in his recommendations.....

"However there is one problem of some magnitude. As the law now stands the holders of the Special Purpose Lease, if approved, would be obliged to pay municipal rates, which because of the size of the area would be quite considerable." (Para. 49) Dick Ward then gives a list of land that does not pay rates under section 175B of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINANCE. He finishes his report by saying..... "Obviously a change in the law is required to meet this particular case (of Kulaluk) and I recommend that your Department (DAA) with the services of a legislative draughtsman, undertake the task of meeting the situation."

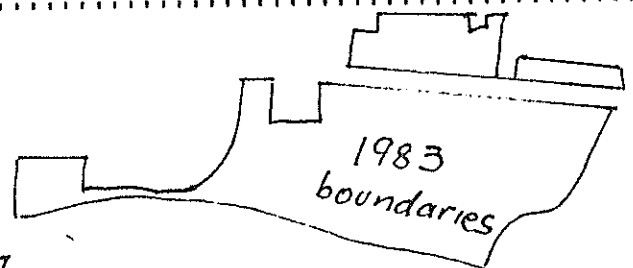
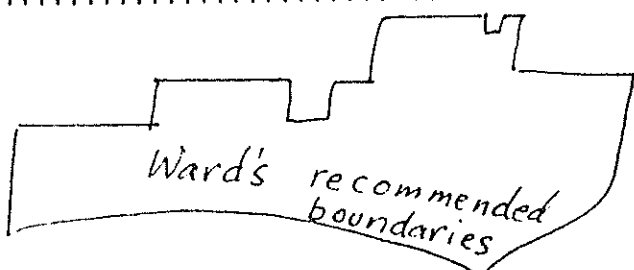
In the "SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS", Dick Ward says.....

"Whatever legislative changes are necessary be examined to ensure that municipal rates are not payable in respect of the land while it is used for the purposes recommended in this report. (Para L).

STOLEN LANDS OF THE LARRAKIA TRIBE

It would be very easy for the racist Everingham government to AMMEND the law. Aborigines should not pay rates for their own bushlands. The City Council should be paying a percentage of their rip-off rates to the original owners of the whole of Darwin !
THE STOLEN LANDS OF THE LARRAKIA TRIBE!

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COPIES OF MR JUSTICE WARDS RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE HISTORIC KULALUK CLAIM CAN BE OBTAINED FROM PO BOX 3743 DARWIN FOR TWO DOLLARS (THIRTY PAGES).
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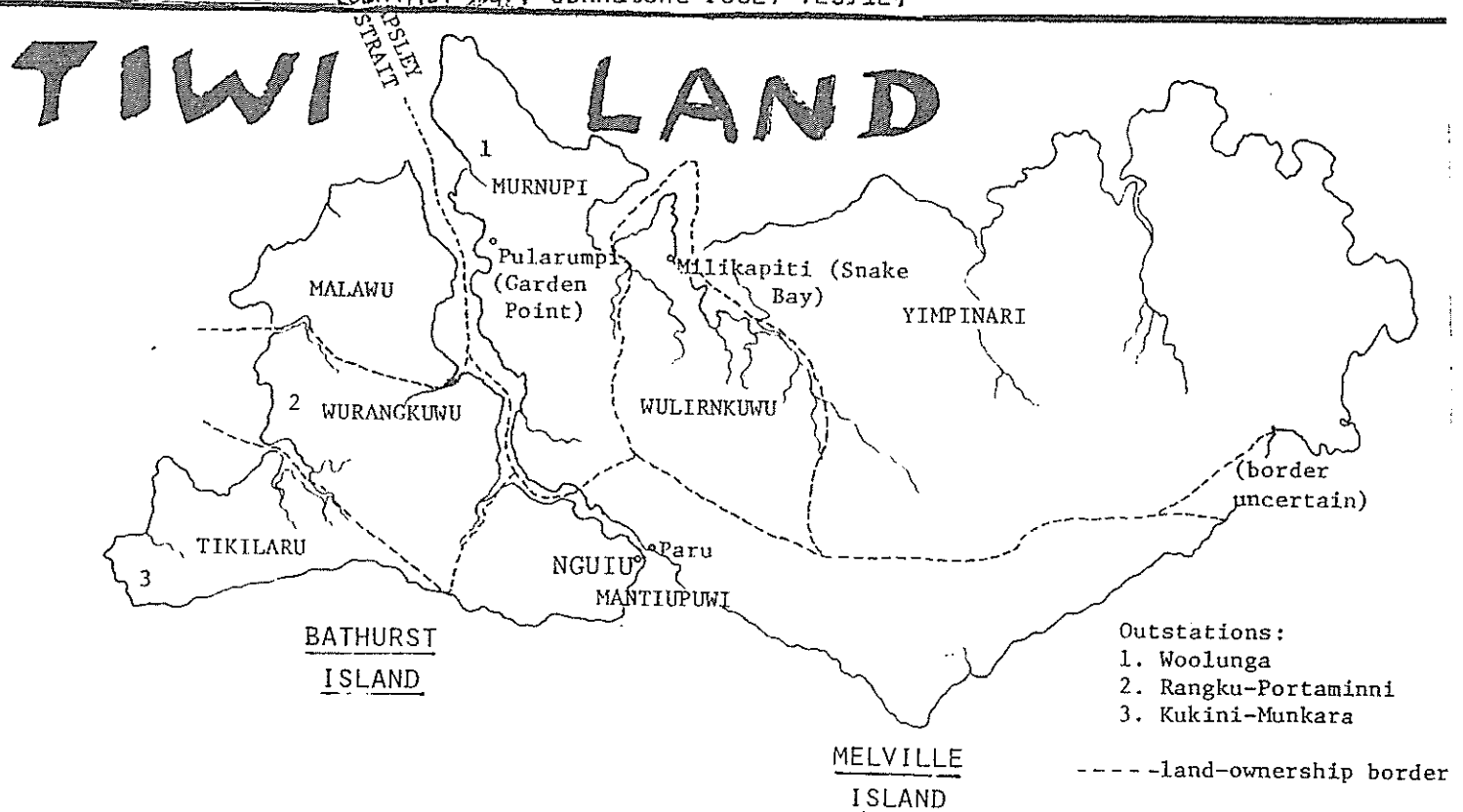


BLACK WOMEN'S RIGHTS

An Aboriginal Women's Task Force will be established within the Office of the Status of Women to consult with Aboriginal women in communities around Australia.

Task Force members are Phyllis Daylight and Mary Johnstone. Ms Daylight, was born in Queensland and is an Education Officer with the Department of Education and Youth Affairs in Darwin where she has lived for six years.

The Task Force's recommendations will be based on the views of Aboriginal women. This will add a vital new dimension to government planning and programs, and be a first step in ensuring that the views of Aboriginal women are taken into account in the formulation and implementation of government policy. (CONTACT Mary Johnstone (062) 725712)



Some 60 kilometres north of Darwin are Bathurst and Melville Islands which, together with smaller surrounding islands, form the homelands of the Tiwi people. The Tiwi have a substantially uniform language and culture, distinct from those of other Aboriginal groups. Bathurst Island is 2,071 square kilometres and Melville Island is 5,697 square kilometres. The former is the more important economically and in terms of the history of European contact with the Tiwi. The map of the two islands which follows shows its towns and outstations, and the seven 'countries' into which the Tiwi divide their islands.

There was some uncertainty about the boundaries of the lands on Bathurst and Melville Islands. This was so for two reasons. The Land Rights Act granted ownership of Aboriginal Reserves without a land claim inquiry. This meant that the Tiwi had not had a forum for debate and analysis of land ownership which has been required of many other communities. There was no mining or other intensive economic activity on the Islands (other than in the towns) so that an individual's income did not depend on the land to which he belonged. This meant that there have been no intensive disputes over land ownership.

from "An Aboriginal Economy. Nguiu NT" by Owen Stanley 1983 ANU Research Unit, BUNJI SAYS..There must be a moral in this story somewhere.....

TIWI PRINTS IN DEMAND

The Tiwi people of Bathurst Island, which lies north of Darwin, have always been artistic. For thousands of years, these Aboriginal islanders had little contact with mainland people and developed their own art music and dance.

Today, the Tiwi Designs company is one of the most viable Aboriginal industries. Its screen-printed original design materials are so much in demand at Sydney's Coo-ee Australian Emporium and at New York's Riding High boutique, that the printers can hardly keep pace.

Some of their materials are bold and vibrant and turn your head immediately, while others are more pale and delicate in both design and colour. All the designs stem from traditional motifs — the brolga bird design twirls magically inwards, the crocodile design has the reptile dancing with itself and the sun design repeats itself with emphatic and powerful precision.

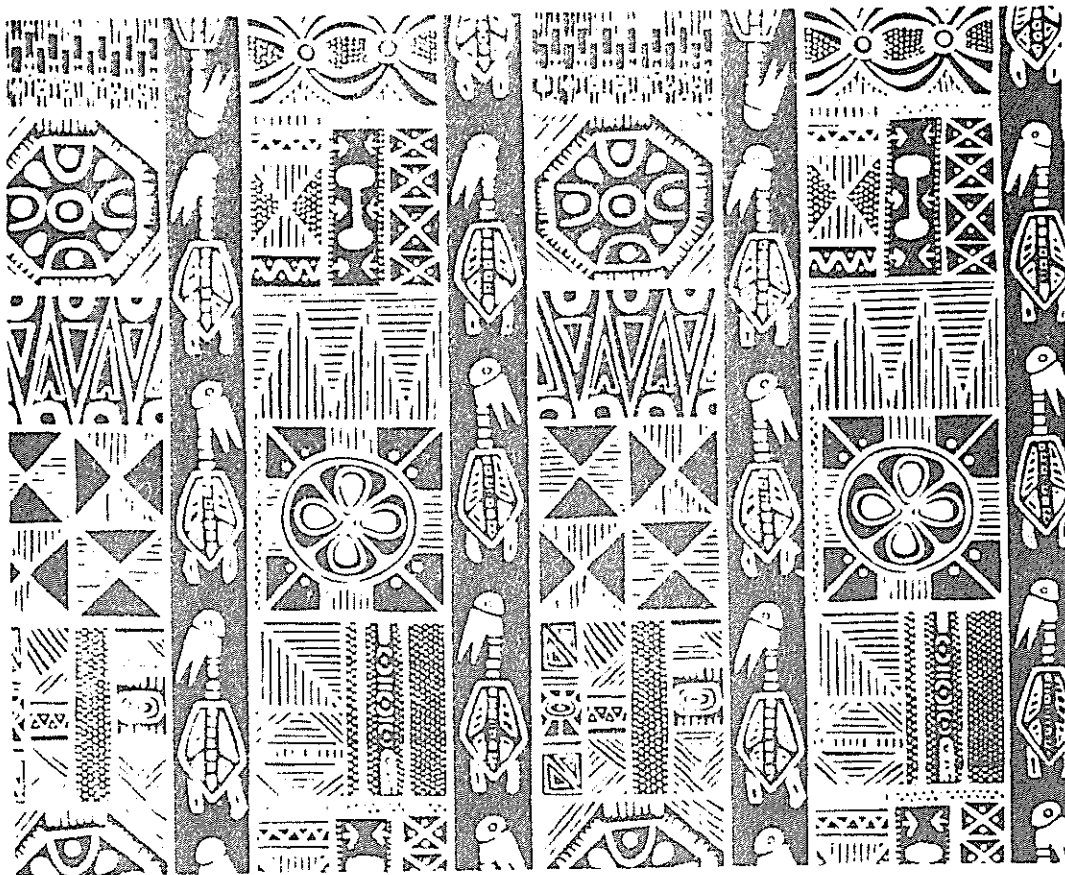
Tiwi Designs has received the Industrial Design Council of Australia 'Good Design' award and today they employ six men and one woman. Sydney fashion designer Linda Jackson recently took a regal red and black snake design to make an elaborate cowled-neck tunic. Colette St John chose a sea design which blended aqua and blue for her stylish tailored coat and both of these were displayed at Sydney's Hogarth Galleries.

Adrian Newstead of Coo-ee Australian Emporium is visibly delighted at the interest in their work. He discovered their fabric 15 months ago in an Aboriginal arts and crafts centre. He says it's the best as far as he is concerned. It's so bold it leaves for dead what's being printed in Sydney except for the designs of Jenny Kee and she has been printed in Italy anyway.

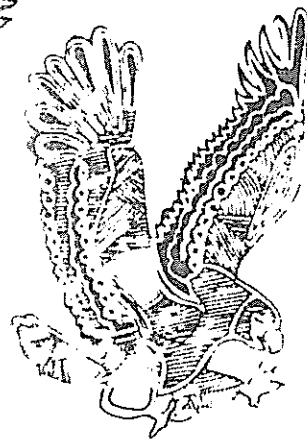
He thinks they have taken off because they make strong statements about the Australian environment which aren't being made elsewhere. Adrian Newstead has also been able to help the Tiwi Designs company by keeping them in touch with changes in fashion colour and fabrics. He sends them new fabrics to print on and has clothes made up in Sydney.

Already more than 100 original designs have been marketed but it seems there is only the beginning.

MARGARET SMITH



Some of the works from the recent exhibition of Tiwi designs in Sydney.



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THE HEADLINES TELL THE STORY----- LATEST ADDITIONS TO OUR COLLECTION OF
NEWSPAPER STORIES OF THE FIGHT FOR LAND IN DARWIN (See BUNJI May 83, for full
index held by the Australian Archives nt NTAC 1979/384 Supp No 4 (1).

1973....	Larrakia Meeting (Public Notice)	31st May
	Black, white clash in NT (the Herald)	6th July
	Fiery Land rights protest (Nation Review)	19th July
	Aborigines invade barracks (Australian)	1st August
	Black claim on Darwin (National Times)	6th August
	Aborigines, Darwin suburban spread in collision (Financial Review)	7th August
1975	Photo- Darwin evacuees Bobby Secretary and grandchildren at hostel in Melbourne (the Herald)	? January
1983....	Residents dont want camp area	14th June
	No definite plans for transient camp	16th June
	Show us the plans (letter)	28th June
photo	Bobby is still in step	8 th July
	Mossies... Its all-out war	20 July
	Gwalwa Daraniki Assoc, (Public Notice) AGM	27 July
	Get moving on camp- Collins	28th July
Photo	Tresspassers and sleepless nights for Henry	30th July
	Special General Meeting (Public Notice)	6th August
	Steele - Clean up holiday camp	17th August
	Roger does as asked (letter)	2nd September
	Dissent on camp at Kulaluk	3rd September

ELECTION FARCE - Tail Wags Dog.

There were many new faces at the Annual General meeting at Kulaluk on the 2nd August. At last, the Darwin "coloured mob" seem to be taking an interest in their land. The Secretary and full time paid manager, Richard Baugh, chaired the meeting. He presented no minutes or financial statements. Questions about this were brushed aside, in the style of the last self-styled President/manager, Albert Treeves. The Darwin mob were well represented on the new committee that was duly elected and the new president was TIBBY QUALL.

Peter Lemming of the Department of Community Development played an active role in the meeting, held at 7.30 pm which proved a good time for working people.

PRESIDENT AND COMMITTEE SACKED BY MANAGER

Next day, when the president turned up to see the books, he was informed by the Secretary / Manager that he and his committee were all sacked because they had not paid fifty cents ! (Strictly speaking, they were not financial members).

Baugh, the Secretary/Manager called another meeting for 23rd August. At 10am when most of the interested people would be at their work places.

Once again there were many new faces at this meeting. Surprise, surprise, this lot voted for a puppet committee for the paid manager and his Department of Community "Development" bosses. Not content to have the numbers, these people threatened those from the first meeting who were able to attend.

Who gives the Manager such powers? We thought this sort of thing only happened in Queensland. Further actions will be taken to clean up the Gwalwa Daraniki Association. The question remains, "WHO EMPLOYS THE MANAGER ?"