SCHEDULE TUES 2ND JUNE 1992

PANEL OPERATOR: G. FOLEY

Q:00AM Music Intro - "A Tree Falls" - BRUCE COCKBURN

AND TO KICK OFF THE SHOW HERE'S A SONG FOR SUZY.....

Music - "The Long Run" by the EAGLES.

Music - "Cannot Buy My Soul" - KEV CARMODY

9:10AM CSV RAVE

VO: "AND HERE'S A SONG DEDICATED TO ALL THOSE KIND, CARING SOCIAL

Q115AM Music - "Problems" - EVERLEY BROS

Music - "I Dont Remember a Thing" - PAUL KELLY

Music - "Alcohol..H.H.G.to the Galaxy"

Music - "The Way of the World" - MAX Q

VO: "AND IF THAT DOESN'T PROVE THE BOY IS BREAKING OUT OF THE MOULD .. "

Music - "

Music - "Sitting Here in Limbo" - NEVILLE BROS

VO: F.A.P. rap

Music - "

VO: "HERE'S A SONG FOR BRUCE MAC

Music - " " - BOB DYLAN

Music - "American Dream" - THE DIRT BAND

Music - "Took the Children Away" - ARCHIE ROACH

NEWS OF THE WEEK ITEM 1

VO: "BADLY WE DON'T HAVE AN EARTHA KITT SONG TO PLAY, WHICH WILL NO

DOUBT GREATLY PLEASE THE RIGHT PAW OF THE ANIMAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT,

THAT WORD OF THE WEEK IS A SEGMENT DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO LEARN

A NEW WORD EVERY DAY... WORDS ARE POWERFUL PROTECTION IN THE PURSUIT

OF PROTRACTED PROTEST AGAINST THE POMPOSITY OF PUERILE PRUNE-FACED

PUBLIC SERVANT PERSECUTORS AND THEIR PUPPETS WHO PROVOCATIVELY

PROTRUDE AND PULSATE PUNGENTLY AS THEY PROMISCUIOUSLY PROMISE, PROMPT,

PROMOTE, PURGE, PROMENADE, PROPOUND AND PROSCRIBE AND PROD US TOWARD

CONFORMITY! SO... LEARN A WORD A DAY... AND TODAY LOOK UP "IMPROBITY"

"IMPROBITY"

AND HERE IS A SONG FOR MY OLD FORMER ADVERSORY KERRY WISDOM ... "

Music - "Rhinestone Cowboy" - GLEN CAMPBELL

BUT INSTEAD WE WIL PLAY THIS "

Music - "Volcano" - JIMMY BUFFET

NEWS ITEM 2

VO: "AND HERE IS A SONG FOR MINISTER OF ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS ROBERT TICKNER..."

Music - "The Great Pretender" - THE PLATTERS

Music - "

WORD OF THE WEEK - "IMPROBITY"

VO: "ITS A WORD OFTEN USED WHEN REFERRING TO THE GOVT ADMINISTRATION

OF ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS"

BO PLACE YOUR ANSWER IN AN ENVELOPE AND ADDRESS IT TO

ROBERT TICKNER, MINISTER FOR THE MALADMINISTRATION OF ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS, PARLIAMENT HOUSE CANBERRA, AND I BELIEVE THE PRIZE FOR THE FIRST CORRECT ENTRY OPENED WILL BE A SHARE IN ONE OF KERRY WISDOM'S

ILL FATED RACEHORSES.....AND HERE IS A SONG FOR MY OLD FORMER

What a surprise!

And what a surprise that yet again the Australian people are lulled back into their apathy and indifference by superficial analysis by a journalist who it seems has become little more than a mechanism parroting Robert Tickner's press releases.

And all will be well until sometime in the future yet another nasty little reminder of the reality of Koori existence as stateless refugees in our own land, will surface, necessitating urgent cosmetic public relations bullshit to bamboozle the public and lull it back to sleep......at that time Robert Tickner will be heard to call.... "Where's good old Margaret Easterbrook?"

3) And Whilst on the subject of media coverage of the 67 referendum anniversary, how about ABC Radio who exhumed Neville Bonner from whichever crypt he had lately taken to lurking in, to interview HIM about the campaign for the referendum!

What gall of Bonner to pontificate these days as a supposed fighter for justice in those days. People should recall that in the late sixties Neville Bonner was an apologist for the notoriously racist and corrupt Bjelke Peterson Govt in QLD. As the front man for "OPAL", the "One People of Australia League" (as the name suggests, an assimilationist organisation substantially financed by the QLD Govt and its right-wing supporters), Bonner was groomed by the QLD racists as a more "acceptable" Aborigine role model than the feared (by QLD Govt) Kath and Denis Walker, Don Brady and Don Davidson et al who were seen by the brisbane Murray community at the time as the staunch community resistance fighters, as any examination of police reords of the day will attest. Police harrassment of Murray freedom fighters was in those days extensive enough to rival the intensity of Nazi Germany.

1) Last week saw the twenty fifth anniaversary of the historic 1967 referendum, and the event triggered a series of rally's and demonstrations throughout the country, most notably Adelaide where Brian Butler and others gathered in the city square and made many speeches deploring lack of progress since the referendum, especially in the area of decisive govt action on the broken promises of national land rights legislation, Aboriginal sovereignty, and economic independance. The rally in Adelaide also planted a tree in memory of Nunga resistance fighter Alice Dixon, whose untimely and tragic death a few weeks ago shocked the Koori movement nationally.

The other highlight of the Adelaide rally was when veteran Koori rights campaigner Eartha Kitt was spotted in the crowd and invited to speak. Her strong words of support transmitted that night on ABC radio stirred warm memories of the early seventies when Miss Kitt (as Tiny Tim would say) visited an NAC conference (thats the old National Aboriginal Conference set up during the whitlam govt and chaired at the time as I recall by current VAHS Chairperson Mr Bruce MacGuinness) , and in the course of wandering around meeting the delegates, happened to plant a warm, sensuous kiss on my cheek. Of course young people today brought up on a diet of rap music like my son Bruce, would not fully appreciate the significance of a kiss on the cheek from Earth Kitt, which is probably just as well..... Anyway enough of that tangent, the point was that the Adelaide rally organised by one of our staunch Nunga Brothers, Brian Butler, was addressed by the legendary Miss Eartha Kitt, who among her numerous claims to fame is particularly fortunate enough to have been barred from the white House in Washington for being a little too candid in telling Lady Bird Johnson where it was at!

2) In other news, given what was happening in terms of rally's and demo's in other parts of the country, it was a little odd to see that Melbourne's effort was a party! Some say odd because it would seem to many that there isn't really all that much to celebrate yet, but nevertheless, we here that it was a good party and some of the speeches did acknowledge many peoples contributions, which was good to hear, because if your sole source of information was the Melbourne Age then you would be forgiven for thinking that all was fine and dandy, that govt policies today operate within the spirit if the referendum and that Gub politicians, highly paid white lawyers and tame Koori govt representatives are the voice of Koori Australia today. For, apart from the front page article on Aunty Gerry, the "Age's" main national story from Margaret Easterbrook in Canberra, made no reference to the ordinary Koori resitance fighters who were the backbone of the referedum struggle, the Gurindgi struggle, the Aboriginal Embassy Commonwealth Games in Brisbane etc.

According to Margaret Easterbrook of the AGE, it wasn't the Aunty Gerry's, Bruce McGuinnesses, Denis and Kath Walkers, the Doug Nichols and Paul Coe's and Charlie Perkin's and the Don Bradys and the Bertie and Bindi Williamss or the Chicka Dixons or Geoge Roses or Jack Pattons, Bill Onuss and Bill Fergusons before them who are the heroes and experts of the last 25 years of struggle....NO to AGE Canberra press gallery hackette Ms Easterbrook, they are the Ministerially appointed Chairperson of ATSIC, the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Jim Hacker...er sorry Robert Tickner, and astronomically recompensed Melbourne legal eagle Mr Ron Casten. These are the people Easterbrook cites in her commemorative article on the 67 referendum.

And predictably, their collective assessments ultimately conclude that the status quo should be maintained and that all is on course for reconcilliation etc ad infinitum, ad nauseum.

The parallels between the stolen Koori children and the Family of Love case are extraordinary with the monumental differences being that the christian children were white and thus returned almost straight away, whilst the Koori Kids were black and 30-40 years later many have still not returned.

Otherwise essentially the same value judgements from white middle class social workers, and supposed fears and concerns for the interests of the children were cited in the Family of Love case, as were cited as being the motivation for the historical forced removal of Koori children.

Not only that, but one almost choked on ones rolled oats as one heard on morning radio that CSV social workers were concerned at the welfare of the christian children.

Could this be the same CSV and same CSV Social Workers that have all but totally relinquished their responsibilities for certain of the hard core younger Koori homeless kids in Melbourne?

Is this the self-same CSV which late last year allowed 3 or more young koori kids who were legally unedr it care to roam the streets, sleeping in parks and under bridges?

Is this the same CSV who employs the social worker who last year on the Friday before the Melbourne Cup long weekend, turned up at a Fitzroy playground with a 12 year old Koori child legally under CVS care, at 5:00PM and told the playground worker that "because its 5 oclock, I've finished work for the weekend, can I leave this kid with you to look after?"

Is this the same CSV which covered up for the appalling breach of departmental practices, not to mention callous indifference on the part of this so-called social worker. Are these the same sort of social workers who decided that the interests of the children of the Family of Love would be best served by subjecting them to a dawn

paramilitary police raid and forcible removal from their parents care.

Is this also the self-same CSV which to this day has not the ability to place anywhere but in a closed institution, a personable, lively, creative young 12 year old Koori boy.

How is it that such incompetence, stupidity, ignorance and bungling continues to be tolerated?

And what of the Koori person who is payed a large salary to represent the Koori community's interests in CSV? It would seem fair to say that, if the Koori input and advice to CSV was good and effective, then the current extensive problems that we all know are there, would not exist, or at least would not be as bad as it is today.

But probably part of the answer lies in the result of an incident late last year.

This was after the aforesaid 12 year old Koori lad ultimately ended up being taken in by me after he was dumped at 5 on a friday afternoon by a responsible CSV social worker, and consequently I decided to make CSV social workers aware of what I thought of Koori Kids being abandoned in the Streets by one of their number.

Anyway, I arrived at a meeting at Preston CSV office to discover, to my amazement, no less than eight...Thats right folks, E..I..G..H..T white, middle-class social workers from at least three agencies, all gathered to discuss the, to them, apparently insolveable problem of finding a home for a 12 yera old Koori kid.

As would any reasonable Koori person confronted with clear proof of where a lot of Koori money seems to go, I proceeded to berate the assembled multitudes of Social workers, admittedly not always with the sort of language I would have used around my grandmother, but nevertheless in a firm manner, about what I thought of their insensitive and callous handling of this kids case.

You can imagine my surprise a week or so later when I heard that I had been criticised in a Koori conference by the Koori CSV adviser about my behaviour at the meeting of Social workers.

From what I heard the main concern of this highly paid public servant was that I had offended these white social workers by swearing at them!

Then I began to understand why CSV has proven so inept and incompentant in my dealings with them.

If the Koori advisors to CSV are more concerned about the sensitivities of white middle class social workers than about the appalling treatment of Koori Kids at the hands of these social workers, then that just about says it all about what is wrong with the system in Victoria today!

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