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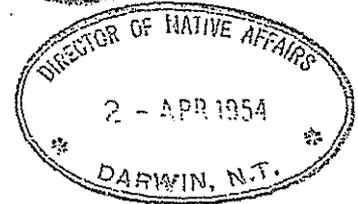
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REPORT ON INSPECTION  
ABORIGINAL INLAND MISSION - BAGOT COMPOUND

An inspection of the above Mission was made this day in company with the Superintendent of the Mission and the Superintendent of Bagot Compound. The following report is made.

2. The kitchen is in a reasonably clean condition. Repeated action to control cockroaches is having good results, as very few were seen.
3. Refrigeration space is entirely insufficient. One single  $\frac{1}{2}$  cub.ft. household refrigerator is provided to carry the perishable food requirements of the 104 children on the mission. It would be impossible to carry a week-end supply meat alone in this small chamber. It is understood that a 30 cub.ft. refrigerator has been ordered and this should relieve the situation.
4. At the time of the inspection a lidless 4-gallon drum, containing decaying bananas and other refuse stood beside the refrigerator.

Sanitary Accommodation

5. The sanitary accommodation was dirty, unserviceable and insufficient. Two latrines, are available for boys and one only for the girls of the mission. This accommodation should be at least doubled in the case of boys and trebled for the girls.
6. Both the boys' latrines were filthy at the time of inspection, as also was the urinal. All three were blocked and covered with a heavy stain and slime.
7. One pedestal in a cubicle between the boys' cubicle is marked "Staff." This pedestal is broken and the absence of a water seal allows foul air from the septic tank to enter the building.
8. The single pedestal for the girls was soiled and in a dirty condition.
9. Drainage from the shower is pooling outside the building and creating a nuisance. Additions to the iron sullage pipe are necessary to direct the wastes into the open concrete channel.

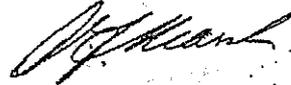
Garbage

10. At the rear of the lavatory block was a large heap of garbage. This included food wastes in various stages of decomposition. It was stated by the Superintendent of the Aboriginal Inland Mission that it was usual to dump the refuse on this heap and remove it once weekly to the Government Garbage dump.

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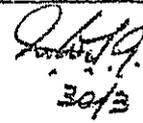
11. Normally, if this refuse was adequately incinerated daily, the procedure would be approved. However, the attempt made to burn the garbage merely singes the surface and a dangerous fly-breeding area results. It is considered that it would be much more efficient if the garbage was collected daily and removed immediately to the Administration dump.



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