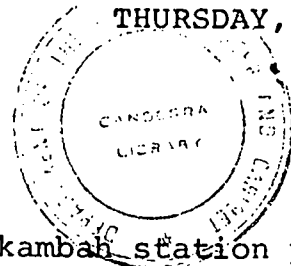


from the Press Office

SUMMARY OF "A.M."

Why the construction workers vacated the Noonkambah station yesterday is open to debate. Amax workers claim they were forced to withdraw. Report from earth mover and Liberal Party member, Mr O'Dristoll, interviewed. Says the Aboriginies did not have to ask him twice to leave the station. Member for Fremantle Mr John Dawkins had a different interpretation of what happened at the station. Said the community leaders repeated a request they had made to Amax workers - that they wanted them to leave - and Amax said they understood the problems, and later in the morning, an Amax representative came to where he was and said that the company was withdrawing from the site. Says there was no suggestion of intimidation or threats of violence. ALP spokesman on Aboriginal Affairs, Mr West, agrees with Mr Dawkins account. Says if the State government has any sense, they will take the opportunity to consider the matter deeply, and that it is the State government who is itching for confrontation. A Melbourne Age journalist, another eye witness to the Amax workers' departure, said the incident was a friendly and low key affair. Sir Charles Court is adamant that the drilling will go on, and rejects any suggestion that Amax may want to withdraw. Says if Amax wants to go onto the station tomorrow, the government will make it possible for them to go on tomorrow. Says it will be a very sorry day for the Aboriginies if they find that because of their actions, they have denied other Aboriginies access to this type of pastoral lease.

Russia's export ban on titanium and soaring world prices for this metal have raised hopes for another major mining development in West Australia's gold fields, 400km west of Kalgoolie. They are claimed to be the largest ever discovered, and two companies are proposing to mine and process the metal. They are Ferrovenadium Corporation and Thomas McKinnon Securities of Florida. Interview with two of their executives.

A violent riot erupted in Bristol, England, when police raided a local cafe frequented by West Indians. 24 were injured, 19 of them police. Report.

The Australian mountaineering team which lost 3 of its members in the Himalayas on Sunday is now trekking out of the mountain, having abandoned both the expedition and the bodies of their dead colleagues. Report from Dehli on other lives lost on the, Annapurna.

In France, the day may not be too far away when a newly married couple are asked discreetly by waiters, boy or girl. These are the findings of a French professor who has concluded that specially chosen diet for women can apparently decide the sex of their baby.

The Queensland Parliament has just passed a series of amendments to the State Police Act, and according to Terry O'Gorman, President of the Queensland Council for Civil Liberties, Section 69C of the Act is the most dangerous piece of legislation passed in the last 15 years. Says 4,000 police in Queensland can now gather information on people who have never been before the court. They can feed that information into a central system to make it available to governments, agencies, private insurance companies, and the people on whom the information is being kept have no idea that that it is being done.

The statement issued by the Queensland Police Commissioner, Mr Camm, has claimed that the only people who will be investigated by police will be those who come under suspicion.

In Los Angeles it has been announced the earliest form of life ever found on earth has been dated as 3.5 billion years old. The evidence consists of fossils produced by microscopic organisms embedded in rock found in Marble Bar Western Australia. The announcement represents one of the first results of a 15 month project by an international team of scientists who have joined together in California to learn when and how life first began. Interview with man who found the rock, Dr Malcolm Walte

In the Greek Islands, Easter is traditionally celebrated with firecrackers but it seems that some of the large Greek community in Darwin have added a typically Darwin twist to the tradition. Their zeal in constructing these homemade firecrackers about the size of an easter egg, led to the roof of a neighbourhood factory being blown in by one of these eggs. N.T. police have issued a warning against these Greek easter eggs. Police spokesman says they are the non-eating type.

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