

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The U.F.O. question! First let me thank you for the fine job you and your dedicated staff are doing each week in getting the Torres News out to so many readers. I'm grateful to be included as a local contributor, which I do gratuitously each week because I appreciate that you are making space available for local talent. Last week was a busy week for you with one day short because of Easter. My "Pearls from Deep Places" article lost a line in the "rush". May I correct it, please?

When asked the question by a correspondent, "Are there such things as U.F.O.'s (Unidentified Flying Ob-

ject)", the Newspaper Journalist replied, "of course there are such things as Unidentified Flying Objects. And whenever one is found it will become an Identified Flying Object. Think man, think!" (The words underlined were unfortunately omitted.) The point I was making was that many of our worst fears are like Unidentified Flying Objects. When our fears are finally identified they prove unworthy of our anxiety and disquiet. But faith in God solves it all. Trust God, and fear flies out the door!

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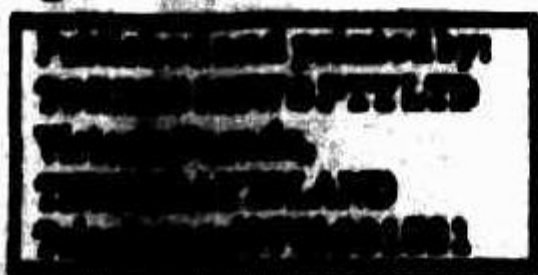


Dear Editor,
I suggest that it is bad time to talk about sovereign independence to Torres Strait.

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The people who wish for it should realize this system first and take note how it works before talking about it.

Since after World War 2 we used to have very good years, plenty money, plenty jobs, no unemployment and every Island got their own boats to work for trochus and pearl shells, even the pearling fleet of Pearlers Association here on T.I. But now today there is nothing of the sort here, all died out, no boats, no shell industries, all flat out gone.



Even the Pearl Culture business came up here but were gone too

flat, because according to this system closing up, the result were the unemployment arose and became worstening until today most people only rely on social benefits. Well how could the revenue will out from every taxpayer to build up our own Torres Strait capital fund. How? If the taxpayers out in Islands are on unemployment because this social benefits we used is from the part of the Australian Capital Funding from taxpayers money in Australia and us here in Torres Strait, even the Council workers payments too all come from the Federal Grant. All Australian money supporting us and this sovereign independence means that we be our own out from Australia completely separated, so what then?

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Well according to this system of things we be facing the most critical time hard to deal with and ending up on poverty line. If we come independent.

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