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Saturday Extra

DEEP in the silence of the Outback, an imposing American spy post set up at the height of the Cold War is now turning its attention to Asia's growing armies and arsenals.



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Fishing



THE shift into early build-up weather has finally been bringing us some breaks from those nagging southeasterly winds.

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Gang bash terror

EXCLUSIVE By NADJA FLEET

A YOUNG man had his face severely beaten when he was set upon by a gang armed with machetes, star pickets and sticks early yesterday.

The 25-year-old victim had to undergo surgery following the vicious attack.

Witnesses told the NT News last night how the horrific assault had left them in shock. "His jaw was absolutely shattered," one man said. "It was

split in half. It's really sad."

Police said they were called to a laneway between Henry Ellis St and Trower Rd, in Alawa, about 1am.

They said the man had his black backpack and personal belongings stolen and was bashed until two nearby residents intervened.

The backpack was returned but no arrests were made.

The witness, who wished not to be named, said he saw about 10 African boys with machetes, star pickets and

sticks charging the Aboriginal man. "He ran for his life," he said.

"He went straight to this house across the laneway. He was begging them for help. You could hear his pleas."

The single father said he was eager to help but chose to stay with his children.

He said the attack was unprovoked.

"It seems to me it was racially motivated," he said. "The local boy was there by himself. He never said a

word. It was absolutely unprovoked."

The attack comes less than seven months after an African community leader called for calm following racial violence in Darwin.

Somali-born Fatuma Ahmed Ali urged Aboriginal youths and African Territorians to become friends.

"We need to build bridges," she said then.

But the witness of the latest attack said he had little hope the violence was over.

You're hot..!

WANT to connect with that hot chick you spotted out on the weekend?

Fancy the tradie working outside?

Want to pay a compliment to your good looking neighbour?

Text the editor receives many messages each week along these lines, so we've decided to give our desperate and dateless a column of their own.

With Compliments will start this Tuesday, giving you time to sober up and text us about who you met on the weekend.

Text the editor on 0428 NTNEWS (686 397)

Scullion denies fighting

Exclusive by NIGEL ADLAM

A CLP politician last night admitted he had been in an altercation during a night out in Canberra.

But Senator Nigel Scullion denied reports that he was drunk and had got into a street fight.

"That is not true," he said. Senator Scullion, who is deputy leader of the National Party and federal Indigenous Affairs Minister if the Coalition won the next election, suffered an injury to two fingers. Colleagues said he had told them

that he was "pissed" outside Mooseheads nightclub when an argument had broken out with a group of men.

He allegedly said he had been injured throwing a punch.

Senator Scullion told the NT News he had gone to Mooseheads with his son, Daniel, 19, in the early hours of the morning and had found it closed.

"We met some people outside and they invited us around to their house for a drink," he said.

He said "boneheads" turned up at the house and he was involved in "restraining" one of them.

"It was a push and pull thing,"

he said. "I got my hand in his shirt and my fingers got caught. I didn't hit anyone or get hit."

He said he was drinking but not drunk.

Senator Scullion said he went to the Parliament nursing station the next day for treatment. The CLP powerbroker has admitted that he is a heavy drinker but denied he was an alcoholic.

He once confessed to being stripped to his underpants and handcuffed to a pole in a sleazy Russian nightclub.

Senator Scullion said it was one of the best nights of his life. It was before he entered politics.



No-holds-barred, Sydney-based punk rockers Frenzal Rhomb are on their way to Darwin

Frenzal Rhomb ready to explode

THEY do not pull any punches, rarely apologise and last time they were in Darwin they reduced Jackie O to tears.

Frenzal Rhomb have been accused of many things but one of them is certainly not subtlety.

On Saturday October 8, the no-holds-barred, Sydney-based

punk rockers are back in Darwin to let loose at the Ski Club.

After a five year hiatus during which frontman Jason Whalley and guitarist Lindsay McDougall, became Jay and the Doctor on Triple J, the boys are back with a long-awaited new album.

Smoko at the Pet Food Factory

is due for release on October 11 and promises to deliver all the in-your-face rock good times the lads are known for.

At BASSINTHEGRASS in 2004, Whalley offended MC and radio personality Jackie O.

Darwin, get ready for a force to be reckoned with.

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