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### FUGITIVE BLACK

#### Police Party Sent Out

With the object of capturing the Fitzmaurice River native, Nermaluk, who is wanted for murder, Constable McNab, of the Northern Territory police, left Darwin last night, the Minister for the Interior (Mr. Perkins) was informed yesterday.

McNab is accompanied by four native policemen and will comb the Finnis River district in an endeavour to locate Nermaluk.

In 1930, a party, of which Nermaluk was the leader, murdered three Japanese. He was arrested but escaped from Fanny Bay gaol on September 23. He was again taken into custody on Delissaville Island last week, but he fought fiercely with Smiler, a black tracker, who shot the fugitive, opened his head with the butt of a revolver, and threw him over a cliff. Nermaluk showed amazing endurance and despite his wounds made off to Finnis River.

Mr. Perkins has been informed that heavy rain is falling in the district, and McNab's party will be hampered. McNab, with Constable Koop, was responsible for the re-arrest last week of Joseph Vivian McGrath, who twice escaped from the police.