

***Argus*, 29 April 1939, p. 2, Crossing the border. N.S.W. aborigines**

Aborigines from Cummeragunja Station (N.S.W.) are again crossing the border into Victoria as a protest against the treatment which they allege they are subject to.

Yesterday about 22 families moved into Victoria, according to reports received by the president of the Australian Aborigines League (Mr A. P. A. Burdeu). Others, he said last night, were moving across the border, and after the week-end there would be few of the 400 aborigines left on the station.

In February most of the aborigines crossed the border and remained in Victoria for about six weeks. The league persuaded them to return, pending the receipt of an answer to a request to the New South Wales Government for an inquiry into their charges.

The aborigines are now alleging, Mr Burdeu said, that those who crossed the border in February are being left out when rations are being distributed.

The league has sent a telegram to the Chief Secretary in New South Wales (Mr Bruxner), and to Mr Mark Davidson, M.L.A., who was chairman of the committee which inquired into the work of the Aborigines Board some years ago, informing them of the situation, and urging them to ensure an impartial distribution of rations, and to arrange for an inquiry at an early date.

The vice-chairman of the Victorian Aborigines Protection Board (Mr L. L. Chapman) said last night that, so long as the aborigines behaved themselves, no action would be taken against them by the Victorian authorities. They would not, however, be supplied with rations by the Victorian board.