

***Herald* (Melbourne), 18 May 1939, p. 10, Natives Leave Station Again**

Because they claim they have been victimised since their return to the Cumeroogunga Aboriginal Station in New South Wales, after camping on the Victorian side of the Murray for some weeks, 77 natives have again crossed into Victoria, and are camped near Barmah.

Included in the group are 33 children, some of them infants. Living in rough camps near the river, they are suffering considerable hardship from rain, cold, and shortage of rations. "But they mean to stay in Victoria until conditions of which they complain at the station have been removed, or an independent inquiry granted", the president of the Australian Aborigines' League (Mr A. P. Burdeu) said today.

Money and food have been sent to them from Melbourne. Their camps are not able to keep out the rain, the floors are muddy, and their blankets get wet.

IRRITATION ALLEGED

"When the natives returned to Cumeroogunga on my advice some were subjected to irritation tactics", Mr Burdeu said. "When clothes were distributed, those who had been over the river did not receive any. Some were shifted from houses they had occupied for years, and some had their pepper and curry allowances stopped.