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Aborigines in Protest

*Leave Government Supervised Camp
And Set Up STRIKE CAMP At
BARMAH—VICTORIA*

(ON THE BANKS OF THE MURRAY)

Although supposedly reserved for the benefit of the aborigines, Cummeragunja's 3000 acres of fertile land, cleared by the aborigines, have been leased by the Government to squatters and pastoralists, with the exception of 60 acres, upon which are congested the 320 aborigines.

The 320 were forced to live in 35 two-roomed huts and four bag shelters.

Self-respect is undermined by "dole" living.

Starvation follows weekly rations, valued for adults at $\frac{3}{5}$, for children $\frac{1}{8} \frac{1}{2}$

Social, medical and educational services are insufficient and are so mal-ministered as to add to the general misery.

THE ABORIGINES' ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

WORKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NATIVES' ORGANISATION
THE AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINES' LEAGUE

*Is Organising An Immediate Relief of Distress
And the Creation of Supporting Public Opinion*

THE HELP OF YOUR MONEY WILL WIN THEIR FIGHT