

***Herald* (Melbourne), 29 September 1939, p. 4, Demands of aborigines**

Seventy aborigines from Cumeroogunga (N.S.W.) Aboriginal Station are still camped on the Victorian side of the Murray, determined not to return until their demands for better treatment have been granted by the New South Wales Government.

The group, which includes 45 children, live in humpies and bag shelters, but their position has been improved since, with the exception of two families which have not yet qualified by residence, they have been given sustenance by the Victorian Government.

The secretary of the Australian Aborigines' League (Mr G. Patten) said today that the demands included handing back to the station of 3800 acres of land leased to a private landholder. The natives wished to farm this land co-operatively themselves. All that was available to them at present was about 70 acres.

They also wanted improved educational facilities. Some of the children, after leaving the present school, could not even write their names.

To assist the funds of the Cockatoo sub-branch of the Returned Soldiers' League the Mordialloc Digger Minstrels will give a performance at Emerald at 8 p.m. tomorrow.