

***Herald* (Melbourne), 16 February 1939, p. 2, Aborigines Adamant in Ban on Camp**

Today, the second ration day since the 200 natives walked out of Cumeroogunga Aboriginal Station (N.S.W.) as a protest against conditions there, and camped on the Victorian side of the Murray, is regarded as the critical day in their efforts for an inquiry.

It is considered that if the natives refuse to return, the New South Wales Government will realise they are in earnest, and grant their request.

At Barmah today, two miles from the site of the natives' camp, it was reported that they were still holding out. Camped in their rough bag and bough shelters, they were apparently determined not to cross the river in spite of the fact, that food is short in the camp.

To assist the natives to hold out and to show them they are being supported, the Australian Aborigines' League today telegraphed several pounds to be spent on supplies.

Mr Burdeu, president of the league, said he had not received an acknowledgment from the New South Wales Government of the letter sent by the league covering the natives' petition, asking for removal of the station manager (Mr McQuiggan) and an independent inquiry into conditions at the station. He thought that if the complaint had been made on behalf of white people, the Government at least would have acknowledged the letter.