

Second Native Strike Leader "Out of Way"

DARWIN, Tuesday.—Darwin aboriginal strike leader, alert, well-spoken, 50-year-old Freddie Waters has been removed to Haasts Bluff native settlement 1200 miles from his home in Darwin.

Northern Territory Director of Native Affairs (Mr. F. H. Moy) has taken this action under powers conferred on him by the aboriginal ordinance because Waters "was being a nuisance by organising yesterday's strike."

Aborigines yesterday held a lightning one-day strike.

According to officials of the North Australian Workers' Union the stoppage was held "to protest against the poor food at Bago-road reserve and against the failure of the native affairs branch to carry out promises of higher wages made by the native affairs officials during the series of strikes."

Native Affairs officials said today the food at Bago-road Reserve was satisfactory and officials had made no promises of any kind to the natives.

Freddie "the Clever Man" Waters is the second strike leader the aborigines have lost. Aboriginal Lawrence, their first strike leader, was sentenced to four months imprisonment last week for being drunk, for disorderly behaviour and for leaving the aboriginal reserve without permission from the Director of Native Affairs. He is now in Fannie Bay gaol. Freddie has been a "behind scenes" man in two previous strikes. He became leader after Lawrence went to gaol.

Haasts Bluff is 150 miles west of Alice Springs on the edge of a large desert. It is in the tribal country of the famous aboriginal painter Albert Namatjira.

Native Affairs officials sent Freddie to a southern part of the N.T. because he is too well-known to natives all over the northern area.