

Aborigines Out on Strike Again

DARWIN, Monday.—With their rations assured, the majority of Darwin aborigines went on strike again this morning for the third time in eight weeks. They are still demanding £7 a week wages and full civil rights.

All aborigines at Berrimah aboriginal reserve refused to go to work this morning. However, a number of aborigines living on private premises in the town are still working.

The acting secretary of the North Australian Workers Union (Mr. T. Peel) said today the aborigines' rations are assured even if the Native Affairs Branch cuts their rations off. Financial support had been promised by several large trade union organisations in the south.

Militant officials of the N.A.W.U. are taking an increasing part in the direction of the strike. A N.A.W.U. organiser said today the aborigines would not go back to work unless they were granted "decent wages and conditions and civil rights."

The president of the N.A.W.U. (Mr. Murray Norris) said his union recently applied to a Conciliation Commissioner during the hearing of a case for a new pastoral award that aborigines should not be excluded from provisions of the

award as has been the case in the past, and should be employed as station hands the same as white men.

He said station aborigines at present get only £1 a week and keep.

The N.T. Director of Native Affairs (Mr. F. H. Moy) confirmed this afternoon that a number of aborigines from Berrimah reserve had gone "walkabout" into the bush because of the strikes.