

Aboriginal Leader Banished

DARWIN, Tuesday. — An aboriginal strike leader Fred Nadpur, known as Fred Waters, has been banished to Haasts Bluff Native Affairs Settlement 1200 miles from his home.

Yesterday, he organised a lightning strike of Darwin aborigines. According to the North Australian Workers' Union officials, the lightning strike was held "in protest against the food at Bagot Road compound because promises made by the Native Affairs branch officials about increased wages were not carried out, and to demand increased wages."

Native Affairs officials say the natives have gone back to work today.

Fred Waters, a grey-haired well-spoken 50-year-old member of the Larrakia tribe (Darwin tribe) was taken from his home at Bagot Road compound early today by a Native Affairs official and a police officer, and is being driven overland to Haasts Bluff settlement, west of Alice Springs.

Director's Order

The Northern Territory Director of Native Affairs, Mr F. H. Moy, sent Fred Waters to Haast's Bluff under powers conferred on him under the Aboriginal Ordinance.

A section of it reads: "The Director of Native Affairs may cause any aboriginal or half-caste to be kept within the boundaries of any reserve or aboriginal institution or to be removed to and kept within the boundaries of any reserve or aboriginal institution or to be removed from one reserve or aboriginal institution to another reserve or aboriginal institution and to be kept therein."

Waters, an intelligent, literate man, was employed on a casual rate of £3 a day by the North Australian Workers' Union to look after their stadium. He became the aborigines' leader after Lawrence was gaoled last week for four months.

The Northern Territory Administrator, Mr A. R. Driver, said Mr Moy acted within his powers.