

Corroboree Barred For £10-A-Day Tourists

DARWIN, Monday.—Darwin aborigines today refused to stage a corroboree for American passengers on the 5000-ton Norwegian luxury ship *Stella Polaris*, which arrived this morning from Port Moresby.

The Director of Native Affairs, Mr F. H. Moy, said he believe the natives' decision was "influenced by others."

The NT Administration, organisers of entertainments in Darwin for the passengers, had asked the natives to stage the corroboree.

The current issue of the *Northern Standard*, owned by the North Australia Workers' Union, has a story which begins, "No Fred—No Lawrence—No Corroboree."

It adds that this decision was taken by the natives following a request that they should entertain the £10-a-day tourists.

Lawrence, leader of the first natives' strike some weeks ago, was sentenced to four months' imprisonment for leaving Bagot

Compound, disorderly behavior, and drunkenness.

Fred Waters, who took Lawrence's place and led the natives on their second strike, has been banished to Haast's Bluff settlement by the Native Affairs Branch.

An elaborately prepared programme for the *Stella Polaris* includes: "Darwin Feb. 19, attend aboriginal corroboree."

The natives' refusal to stage the corroboree is believed to have been unanimous.

The *Northern Standard* comments: "Although the aborigines have put on splendid corroborees for the Territory residents and visitors, they never get paid. Instead, they have been given a few rags or packets of cheap and nasty tobacco."