

ABORIGINES TALKED OF "USING SOLDIERS"

DARWIN, Friday.—Aborigines of Darwin and Berrimah Reserve had talked of bringing out their "soldiers" against each other according to evidence given in Darwin Court today. The case was a sequel to the aboriginal "march" on Darwin on Wednesday.

Mr J. Crang, SM, dismissed a charge against an aboriginal named Lawrence that on Tuesday he used threats to interfere with the right of another aboriginal, Micky, to continue his employment.

Mr Crang said it seemed to be an industrial matter, whereas a criminal charge had been brought. The prosecution had not proved the charge.

The aboriginal Micky told the court that while he was working at his place of employment Lawrence said he wanted Micky to come to Berrimah.

Micky replied "I won't stay here."

"WHAT FOR?"

Micky said Lawrence told him he would bring his "soldiers" in. Micky said "What for?" Lawrence replied, "You'll see bye and bye."

Micky told him, "If you like, you bring him soldier."

Micky said there was no talk about a strike. He continued working and no "soldier" came.

An aboriginal, Jacky, employed by Police Sergeant Fitzgerald, said he heard Lawrence say he was going to bring his "soldiers" to fight the town aborigines of Darwin.

Lawrence then challenged him to fist fight, said Jacky. Jacky, cross-examined by Mr H. Coop, for Lawrence, said he had often given evidence against other natives.

Asked what he thought of Lawrence, Jacky said: "He proper bad man. I take my town soldiers, make war with Lawrence's soldiers. I got big mob of soldiers."

Police Constable Lionel Joseph McFarlane said he arrested Lawrence on Wednesday three miles from Darwin, when Lawrence was with a party of 30 aborigines carrying sticks and iron bars.