

PERKINS

— I'LL FIGHT CHARGE

SYDNEY aboriginal rights worker Mr Charles Perkins said in Adelaide last night that he would return to Alice Springs to fight a charge of having failed to quit licensed premises.

He failed to appear in Alice Springs Police Court yesterday to answer the charge, which was laid on Saturday.

Mr G. F. Hall, SM, adjourned the case until February 4.

Mr Perkins, who was on \$4 bail, was arrested on Saturday after an incident involving aboriginal drinkers, a publican and police.

Mr Perkins said last night that he had been in Alice Springs, his birth-place, at the week-end on an annual tribal pilgrimage.

He had also visited his mother, who had been in hospital since one of his brothers died in the Simpson Desert about two months ago.

Mr Perkins, a former top-grade soccer player, is a Bachelor of Arts and a Justice of the Peace.

He is a leader of the NSW aboriginal population.