

Aborigines

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Black Power

The principles of Black Power were widely accepted among Aborigines, the Aborigines Advancement League said yesterday.

But this did not mean that Aborigines condoned the violence and the black supremacy stand often associated with Black Power.

"Black Power is black people working together to achieve freedom and justice for themselves as any other common interest pressure group," the league said.

The league's statement followed the announcement by Pastor Doug Nicholls on Wednesday that he would resign from the league over the inviting of Caribbean Black Power leader, Mr. Roosevelt Brown to Victoria in August.

Pastor Nicholls criticised Mr. Brown's visit and the league associating the Aboriginal movement with the international Black Power movement.

The statement said both Pastor Nicholls and the league agreed that "Black Power" was the empowerment of black people to make their own decisions."

It said there had been rapid developments in

Aboriginal affairs over the past two years, notably in Victoria. Pastor Nicholls, with his colleagues in the league, had been largely responsible for this.

It said despite Pastor Nicholls' resignation as a co-director he would continue his association with the league as patron.