

Meagher hits back at Black Power leader

MELBOURNE (AUP). Victoria's Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Mr Meagher, said last night he would be perfectly happy if he never heard again from Black Power leader, Mr Roosevelt Brown.

Mr Meagher said: "I am sure I speak for Victoria's aboriginals when I say we are happy to forget Mr Brown." the kind they have in America" and it would not be tolerated here.

He said he was confident that all Australians rejected those who sought to divide and would reject them with the contempt they deserved.

Mr Meagher was commenting on statements on Thursday by Bernudean Labor MP, Mr Brown, who said that civil rights workers in Australia might be "rubbed out".

Mr Brown said also that he wanted to let the black people of Australia know that they were not alone.

MISERY, DISASTER

Mr Meagher said yesterday that vicious doctrines of hatred and distrust could produce only misery and disaster.

Mr Meagher said he was aware that there were inequalities of opportunity in Australia.

"Trust and patience are needed to achieve the desirable goal of total equality for all members of our community," he said.

Domination of the community by any racial or ideological group was contrary to the dignity of man and would not be tolerated by free men in a free society.

Mr Meagher said that Mr Brown would have little success in trying to stir up a Black-Power movement in Victoria.

Mr Meagher said he thought Mr Brown had come to Australia to "stir up trouble of

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