

Black power — Victorians are in for "shock"

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MELBOURNE. — "Black Power is already here and Victorians are in for a shock," aboriginal leader Bruce McGuinness said yesterday.

He is the "unidentified" a Bermudan Labour MP, man who invited Black who is president of the Power movement leader Black Power movement in Roosevelt Brown to Australia. the Caribbean and Latin America.

Mr McGuinness said yesterday: "To us the Aboriginal Tribal Council of Victoria is a Black Power movement.

"We have 25 people working full time, and another 1,500 recognise it," he added.

"No whites may enter our meetings. No whites may influence our decisions. And we have our own newspaper — a monthly called 'Koorier'."

Mr McGuinness (30) is liaison officer with the Aboriginal Advancement League.

Angry clash

Mr Bob Maza (30), president of the league, also had talks with Mr Brown.

Disclosures on Thursday of Mr Brown's "secret" visit to Australia caused an angry clash at the headquarters of the Aboriginal Advancement League.

A director of the league, Pastor Doug Nicholls, claimed he was not told of the visit and did not know who invited Mr Brown.

Mr McGuinness said: "In the final analysis, it was really up to Mr Roosevelt Brown himself to make the visit.

"Let's make it clear he was very welcome."

Mr McGuinness, who is married with two children, lives in Reservoir.

He denied that he advocated violence.

"Black Power is good, strong organisation," he said.