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'Be militant for natives'

Patsy Kruger (above) the Aborigines' Advancement League's new Victorian president, wants people to be more militant when protesting for Aboriginal rights.

"Aborigines are undergoing a revolution in their way of thinking. Now that

they have an idea of how stubborn the Government is, we may be able to get somewhere by organising stronger protests," she said yesterday.

Mrs. Kruger was elected on Saturday.

"It appears that many Australians are more than dissatisfied with the Government's attitude to-

wards the Aborigines' land rights. I think the time has come for a more militant type of protest to help change the system.

"It's high time the Federal Government realised that if Australia is to be democratic, Aborigines must be part of that democracy.

"The question of land rights is at the top of our list and we have a lot of fighting to do," she said.

Mrs. Kruger leaves for America tomorrow on a one-month fact-finding tour.

Mrs. Kruger, married with two young daughters, is of Melanesian descent.