

KILL THREAT 'IS SERIOUS'

MINISTERS TO MEET

By RICHARD GILL

Commonwealth police watched the Minister for Environment, Aboriginals and the Arts, Mr Peter Howson, 52, at his Melbourne office today.

Mr Howson drove 53 miles to his office from a secret address after reports that he is on an aboriginal Black Power death list.

He was due to meet the federal Attorney-General, Senator Greenwood, about security later today.

Commonwealth police have told Mr Howson and Australia's first aboriginal MP, Senator Neville Bonner, that a Black Power movement was threatening to kill them.

Both men said today that they are taking the threats seriously. But neither would give details of the threats or precautions they are taking.

Senator Bonner said from his Brisbane home today that police were making regular patrols around his home.

Victoria's Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Mr Meagher, said today that most aboriginals wanted no part of the Black Power Movement.

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And the director of the Aborigines Advancement League, Mr Bruce McGuinness, said the death list "is a Government plot to discredit aboriginals."

Mr Meagher said: "Quite a few of the Black Power organisers are not aboriginals — they are islanders or Afro-Asians.

"The so-called Black Power people here use the

same jargon as the Black Power crowd in America.

"They don't even have enough imagination to invent their own slogans."

Mr Meagher said he knew of no Victorians on the death list apart from Mr Howson.

Mr McGuinness said: "The Government will probably release a new name every month or so just to hold the public's interest."

Senator Bonner said that Senator Greenwood told him last week: "Don't do anything silly and be careful."

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