

# Aboriginals warn of more violence

TWO ABORIGINAL leaders yesterday predicted increased racial violence unless white Australians changed what they called the Government's policy of "genocide" against Aboriginals.

Pastor Frank Roberts and a black power advocate, Mr Michael Anderson, told a meeting in Sydney's Central Methodist Mission that white Australians had to change their attitudes if they were to avoid another South Africa.

Pastor Roberts said race relations in Australia were deteriorating and could get much worse.

"There must be a change of attitude by the Australian people towards the original Australians," he said.

"Aboriginals cannot tolerate a system that makes them second-class citizens in their own land."

Pastor Roberts said the Federal Government was carrying out a policy of genocide against the Aboriginal people.

"The Federal Government has a diabolical, immoral way of treating Aboriginals, which is genocide," he said.

"By enforcing assimilation the Government is trying to wipe out my people."

Michael Anderson, who left

the "Aboriginal Embassy" — a tented protest camp outside Parliament House in Canberra — to speak at the meeting, said it was essential for white Australians to listen to Aboriginal views before Aboriginal matters were decided.

"My people are dying while we wait for someone to listen to us," he said. The Aboriginal infant mortality rate is already six times higher than the European and is the highest in the world.

"If we are to live in Australia as white and black, we must listen to each other.

"Otherwise we will have racial violence. It is coming, because white people will not listen."