

Black power moves

CANBERRA — Black power advocates will attempt to turn the governing body of Australia's major non-Government Aboriginal affairs organisation into an all-black group.

They moves will be spearheaded by Aboriginal militants from Victoria.

They also will seek to have voting rights removed from white members of the organisation.

These moves will be made at the three-day annual conference of the Federal council for the advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders, which opens here tomorrow.

A record number of at least 250 delegates — about two-thirds of them Aboriginal — from all mainland States and the Northern Territory are expected to attend the conference.

The controversial motion to hand over complete control of FCAATSI to Aborigines has been put on the agenda paper by the Melbourne-based legislative reform convener of the Victorian Aborigines Advancement League (Mr. A. Barrie Pittock).

His motion suggests that the executive committee consist only of Australians of Aboriginal or island descent.