

# Aborigines to attend Black Power talks

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**CANBERRA. — Four Aborigines will attend an international Black Power congress in the U.S. next month.**

The World Black Power Movement has invited the delegates to represent about 140,000 full-blood and part-Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders.

The movement — through the president of the central planning committee for the Caribbean and Latin America (Mr. Roosevelt Brown) has said it will pay all expenses.

[A visit by Mr. Brown to Australia last August caused a furore in local Aboriginal Rights organisations.]

In Melbourne last night, a co-director of the Aborigines Advancement League (Mr. Bruce McGuinness) said the four Australian representatives had not yet been chosen.

He said possibilities included the AAL president (Mr. Bob Maza), the Brisbane-based president of the National Tribal Council (Mrs. Kath Walker), the West Australian secretary

of the Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders (Mr. Jack Davis) and the former FCAATSI Federal secretary (Mr. John Newfong).

Mr. McGuinness said: "We are hoping that people will regard this as a major breakthrough for Aboriginal assertion rather than a militant move by Aborigines.

"The Aborigines who will be going are not crackpots. They are down-to-earth, level-headed people."

Mr. McGuinness said the four Australian representatives would present written reports on the second-class status of Aborigines in Australia.

He said they would try to swing international opinion behind the Aboriginal cause, particularly the demand for land rights.