

Black Embassy's plans

Sammy Watson, jnr., 19, of Brisbane (right), and Bruce Morris, 22, of Kempsey, NSW, give the Black Power salute outside the Aboriginal Embassy on Parliament House lawns, Canberra, last week.

Established on Australia Day, January 26, the Embassy is now in its ninth week of life. Its flags have been specially designed to symbolise the Aboriginal struggle.

"The support for the Embassy has been fantastic," Sammy Watson told Tribune. "It has

far exceeded our expectations."

In evidence of this, Deputy Commissioner Brian Marshall, 25, showed our reporter a sheaf of telegrams from all over the globe welcoming the establishment of the Embassy. They came from some of the great of this world and ordinary working people.

One was from Mrs. Indira Gandhi, Indian Prime Minister, and another from an Australian working in a London emporium who got his English workmates to sign a joint letter in order "to establish the Embassy's international status."

Sammy Watson said the next move would probably be to seek permanent quarters somewhere in Canberra.

Top of the list of Embassy demands is "Full State rights to the Northern Territory under Aboriginal ownership and control with all titles to minerals, etc."

Among items being sold to maintain the Embassy is a recording. The Gurindji Blues, obainable by writing to the Aboriginal Embassy, Canberra, ACT 2600, enclosing \$1.50 and 20c for postage.

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