Aborigines call on Cavanagh to quit

CANBERRA, Friday. — The National Aboriginal Congress called tonight for the resignation of the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Senator Cavanagh.

The resignation demand is certain to be rejected, but it casts strong doubt on Senator Cavanagh's long-term future in the portfolio.

In a position where good relations with Aborigines are vital, Senator Cavanagh has been repeatedly criticised.

He was not available for comment tonight.

Today's motion by the congress called on the Prime Minister, Mr Whitlam, to take over the Aboriginal Affairs portfolio.

The motion, passed after 90 minutes of debate, described Senator Cavanagh as "ignorant of the plight of the Aboriginal people of Australia." THE BLACK REVOLUTION words or war?

HOW real is the threat of racial violence in the Northern Territory about which a Federal minister spoke last month?

To find the answer, the "Herald" investigation team spent two weeks in the Territory speaking to people of all races and political beliefs.

The team's comprehensive report will be published in three daily instalments beginning on Monday.

In the event of the demand being rejected by the Government, the NAAC called for the appointment of a full-time Aboriginal adviser on the personal staff of the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.

Thirty-three of the 41 NAAC members voted in favour of the motion.

The session ended with the election of a council of nine "ministers" who will head the sub-committees and will hold further meetings, probably next week, to consider the proposals further.

They are: Mr Bruce McGuiness (Melbourne), Mr Keith Smith (Nowra), Mr Jim Stanley (Adelaide), Mr Ted Loban (Thursday Island), Mr Walter Fejo (Darwin), Mr Tom Williams (Sydney), Mr Ray Nagus (Broken Hill), Mr Keith Saunders (Cairns), and Mr Milton Liddle (Alice Springs).