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Vancouver BC -- Canadian Press VANCOUVER A decision by federal Justice Minister John Crosbie not to prosecute broadcaster Gary Bannerman for derogatory remarks he made about native Indians is "absolutely wrong," the president of the Committee for Racial Justice says. Aziz Khaki said Mr. Crosbie did not take seriously Mr.

Bannerman's insult in his April 23 open-line radio broadcast on CKNW in Vancouver, and said the committee plans to ask Mr. Crosbie to reverse his decision. Mr. Crosbie overruled a Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission recommendation to the federal Attorney-General's Department that Mr. Bannerman be charged.

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