NATIVE PRIEST

Darwin has its first native priest—an Anglican, Father Seriba Sagigi, from Thursday Island.

He was appointed to the Northern Territory last December, after completing a tour of Australia which he made to publicise Anglican Church activities in Torres Strait.

Father Sagigi (55) is now assistant priest in Darwin.

Before being ordained in 1954 he had been a Torres Strait Police Force sergeant, head diver on a pearling lugger and an Army padre.

He likes Darwin for its open-heartedness and lack of colour-consciousness.

DEATH OF MR. E. P. WILLIAMS

The death occurred on September 16, of Mr. Edward Pritchett Williams, a former Manager of the Aborigines Welfare Board.

The late Mr. Williams had a distinguished military record in the British Army before joining the staff of the Board as a Teacher/Manager on 1st July, 1934.

He will be well remembered by residents of Purfleet where he did excellent work during the years of the depression.

In the Second World War the late Mr. Williams again served in the Army.

While in the Board’s service he served at Kinchela Boys’ Home, Cowra, and Caroona where he retired in January, 1953.

The sympathy of the Board and its officers is extended to Mrs. Williams and members of her family.

BILLY BOILLS

Football fans will be sorry to learn that Billy Boston, one of England’s greatest Test wingers, at 29 has come to the end of the road with his club, Wigan.

The coloured Boston has been told by Wigan it doesn’t need him any more. Yet at the same time he has been placed on transfer at a fee of £12,500, which it is expected no club will be prepared to pay.

Boston is surprised and angry, as unless Wigan relents, his football career is finished.

Wigan signed Billy Boston in March, 1953, for £3,750. The club has recouped that fee many times over in the 10 years during which the boy from Tiger Bay, Cardiff, has scored close on 500 tries.

He has been to Australia three times, the first in 1954, after he had played only seven League games.

He broke the try-scoring record at his first attempt but his omission from the 1958 side was a selection shock. But Billy regained his Test place and held it until last season when a knee injury, received in Australia, and then a dicky shoulder, made him doubtful.

BOXERS COMPLAIN

It could never happen here. Ghana boxers, Kimpo Amarfi and Peter Cobblah, now in Australia, said they couldn’t get fights in England because promoters and managers had set up a colour line. Any coloured boxer who looked like becoming a threat to a professional fight title was faced with a “No Work” sign. The Melbourne Herald comments: “The big increase in coloured residents in England and a fear of further racial troubles could be reasons for the stand against coloured boxers there”.

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