

## EXPERT IN NATIVE LANGUAGES, CULTURE AND RELIGIONS DIES

A priest who was distinguished in Australia, Europe and America for his research into the religions, culture and language of the Aborigines died in Sydney early this month.

He was Father E. A. Worms, 72, who entered St. Vincent's Hospital just before he was to have left for Germany to lecture at Munster University and Cologne University.

Father Worms, an anthropologist, was born in Westphalis (Germany) and in 1912 entered the seminary of the Pallottine Fathers in Limburg.

In 1930 he was sent as a missionary to the Kimberleys in Western Australia, where he began studying the culture, religion and languages of the Aborigines.

In 1938 in Berlin he and Dr. Herman Nekes, another Pallottine priest and lecturer in languages of West Africa, began a systematic research, for which Father Worms made expeditions into the Kimberleys, reaching the nomadic tribes in the St. George's Ranges and south of the Gregory Salt Lake.

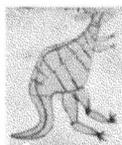
After his appointment as Rector of the Pallottine College, in Kew, Victoria, he worked with Dr. Nekes on editing the results of their linguistic research.

In 1960 he made an expedition under the direction of the Wenner Gren Foundation, New York, into the central, north and western areas of Australia.

He was made a member of the Institute for Aboriginal Studies at Canberra, in 1961.

Many of the results of his research were published in two publications, "Annali Lateranensi" and "Anthropos."

The body of Father Worms was taken to Melbourne for burial.



## BEST AND FAIREST PLAYER

Harry Penrith has won the Wayling Medal for the best and fairest player in Group 13 Rugby League says the *Weekly Times*.

Harry, an aborigine, is an officer with the Department of Agriculture at Wagga and is a well known sportsman.

He played first-grade Rugby Union with Parramatta after a successful Union career in the country during which he represented Combined Country.

A few days before the announcement of Penrith's Medal success, he had won a newspaper award, coming from behind to snatch victory in the last round.

Harry, a first rate cricketer, plays full-back with Tarcutta.

## EVANGELIST'S TOUR

Aboriginal evangelist, Pastor Frank Roberts, jnr., has completed a crusade at Edithburg, South Australia, where he preached for 10 nights.

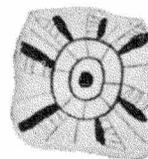
He leaves shortly for New Zealand where he will work for three months, chiefly among the Maori people.

He told the *Lismore Star* he would be working as an evangelist in New Zealand at the invitation of an inter-denominational group.

Mr. Roberts, who was born at Cabbage Tree Island, is a Pastor of the Church of the Assemblies of God.

His wife and family of two boys, Phillip and Mark and two daughters, Lois and Rhoda, will accompany him to New Zealand.

Mr. Roberts said that after his New Zealand tour he would go later to America for further evangelistic studies.



## WIVES GO TO SCHOOL AND HUSBANDS DO BABY-SITTING

Aboriginal women on Melville Island, north of Darwin, are going to school at their own request to learn to read and write English.

Most of the women are members of the Country Women's Association's all-black Milikapiti branch, established at Snake Bay Welfare settlement on the island last year.

The study idea came from two young lubras, Marie Claire and Mabel, who some months ago attended the Associated Country Women of the World conference in Melbourne as observers.

They could understand and speak English but their outstanding impression of the proceedings was the need for their people to know the language better.

Without it they find it almost impossible to maintain proper contacts with members and branches of the CWA in other centres.

On return to Snake Bay they told other native women about the conference and the need to know English. A group got together and asked the resident Welfare Officer to arrange for night classes so they could learn to read and write.

Now 20 or 30 women are studying regularly one night a week.

Their husbands show great interest in this and many act as baby-sitters on school night.