

# Black in battle of Britain

**ABORIGINAL** tribal elder Burnam Burnam plans to turn the tables on the British who invaded Australia 200 years ago and claim England for his own people.

He will fly out from Sydney tomorrow for London, and on Australia Day, will plant an Aboriginal flag on British soil and make a proclamation declaring England as Aboriginal property.

Last week, Mr Burnam was carried off Manly Oval by police during a lone protest before the match between the Prime Minister's XI and an Aboriginal team.

The actor and writer, who will be paying his own way to England, says he wants to point out the absurdity surrounding the seizure of Australia.

"I don't know what the impact (of the proclamation) will be but the emphasis to me is to promote newsworthiness back to Australia and in that way Aborigines may get a better hearing on matters such as land rights," Mr Burnam said yesterday.

"Land rights can be achieved if the full-blood Aborigines were given the proper opportunity by the media and the government to maybe meditate in the boiler ring with representatives of the Australian white population to pray and to ponder over the issue and maybe a treaty can come from that.

"What I need to emphasise about this protest is it is done without anger and it really is a send-up, a symbolic send-up, of the history of Australia over the last 200 years."