

Day, and Edgar Moy, British composer and examiner, was heard playing his own pianoforte compositions. A highly appreciated series of lecture-pianoforte recitals was broadcast by Dr. Edgar Bainton, former Director of the State Conservatorium of Music, Sydney, New South Wales.

SPECIAL SERVICES AND CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

Broadcasting was used extensively in the interests of post-war welfare campaigns, such as CORSO's appeal for funds and clothing, food for Britain, and health stamp sales.

Appeals for missing persons, cars, and motor-cycles were broadcast at the request of the Police Department. Such services as navigational announcements for the Marine Department, time signals, flood and road reports, in addition to national and local weather reports, were continued. Announcements were broadcast for the Railways Department regarding delayed arrivals of express trains, and at the request of the Royal New Zealand Air Force several of the transmitters were maintained in operation, transmitting a signal as a navigational aid. The broadcasting of "Consumer Time" for the Stabilization Department was continued, and announcements for the Agriculture Department included statements on the availability of fertilizers.

The Service co-operated extensively with local Power Boards and helped in the conservation of electricity by broadcasting announcements to listeners to conserve all possible electricity during peak periods. At the request of the authorities responsible for the conservation of electric power, broadcasting was reduced at peak hours. Silent periods were observed daily, except Saturdays and Sundays, as follows :—

8.10 a.m. to 8.40 a.m., 1st April, 1946, to 29th October, 1946.

11 a.m. to 11.30 a.m., 29th April, 1946, to 30th September, 1946.

11.30 a.m. to 12 noon, 1st April, 1946, to 24th March, 1947.

5 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., 29th April, 1946, to 30th September, 1946.

5.30 p.m. to 6 p.m., 1st April, 1946, to 24th March, 1947.

On the 25th March the broadcasting hours were further reduced drastically, and stations only operated as follows : 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. ; 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. ; 6.30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The power saved at the transmitters is not great, but although the power consumed by the average wireless set is less than that used by a 60-watt electric-light globe, the aggregate economy if all receivers are switched off is comparatively substantial.

RELATIONS WITH OVERSEAS ORGANIZATIONS

The B.B.C. again accorded the Service much valuable assistance, which is gratefully acknowledged. News, talks, and other features were regularly rebroadcast from the B.B.C. stations, and many excellent recorded programmes were received from the London Transcription Service of the Corporation.

The liaison between the Service and other broadcasting systems within the British Commonwealth was maintained. Programmes were prepared in New Zealand for the British Broadcasting Corporation, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, and the Australian Broadcasting Commission. These programmes have acquainted overseas listeners with the outlook of the average New Zealander on many questions.

Thanks are due to the Australian Broadcasting Commission and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation for extending valuable facilities to the Service and to the United States Office of International Information and Cultural Affairs for music by great symphony orchestras and other recordings of outstanding musical and dramatic performances.