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as well as her husband's attitude toward them seem to me to be slightly phoney. This may be because Mrs. Scott writes them from the angle of the husband. None the less, they make a pleasant, if not very important, half-hour's listening.

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SINCE *The Bridge of San Luis Rey* was first published (and perhaps before it, too) there has been a literary fashion of getting a number of people together in a train, or a waiting-room,



"... In and out of all sorts of predicaments."

or a mine, or in some accident and then following up each life and situation. The radio play "No Casualties," is one of this pattern. A bus skids into a car. Apparently there are no casualties. Everyone goes on his way after the interruption. But as the play shows, things are not as simple as all that. This slight interruption in the lives of these people is enough to have important results. Yes, quite good material for a play, but too fragmentary for the air in its present shape. A play of this sort depends on the delineation of character and the short episodes did not offer scope for this. I wanted to know more of the background of each person affected by the bus smash, and I would gladly have done without some of the melodrama. Theft, murder and a death seem a fairly heavy toll to charge to the account of one incident, even though there were "no casualties."

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CHANCE brought me to the radio the other evening in time to turn to a programme from 2ZB which I afterwards found was called "Invasion." I was puzzled, because I could not quite place it as an English production, and yet clearly it was not American. But what I heard was most impressive. It was simple and direct, and the final speech from Richard III. came over stirring.



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