## **ENGLISH INTO AFRIKAANS**

Distinction For New Zealand Playwright



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 $W^{\mathtt{E}}$  announced some time ago that the New Zealand playwright, W. Graeme Holder (above) had been asked by the South African Broadcasting Corporation to allow some of his plays to be translated into Afrikaans. This has now been done, and "The Time Factor" ("Die Tydfaktor") has been broadcast over the Union network. Here is a scene from that well-known play as it appears (1) in English and (2) in Afrikaans.

Tony Wall, business man, is crossing the lobby of his office building when he is accosted by a clergyman, the Rev. Carroll, who tells him of his brother's death: Wall's lootsteps heard distinctly, approaching.

Carroll: Excuse me, please. Mr. Wall? Wall (shortly): Yes?

Carroll: May I have a word with you, Mr. Wall?

Wall: Not just now. See me later.

Carroll: Just one word, sir. Your brother

Wall (sharply): My—? (abruptly cold)
I have no wish to speak of my brother, sir.
Good morning.
Carroll (gravely): Your brother is dead,

sir.

Wall (after brief silence): What did you

Carroll: Your brother died early this morning. Mr. Wall.

Wall (endeavouring to appear concerned):
Oh. Died this morning. . . . Sorry to hear

In the Afrikaans translation Tony Wall becomes Dirk Wilcocks and the Rev. Carroll becomes Dominee Retief.

Deminee: Verskoon my Mnr. Wilcocks?

Wilcocks evoetstappe uit.

Wilcocks (kortaf): Ja.

Dominee: Mag ek u bietjie spreek, Mnr.

Wilcocks?

Wilcocks?

meneer.

Wilcocks (na 'n kort pouse): Hoe het u

gesê?

Dominee: U broer is vroeg vanmôre oorlede, mnr. Wilcocks.

Wilcocks (sag): O . . . vanoggend oorlede? (pouse) Mmm. . . ek is jammer om dit te

Dominee: Hy is frandarm dood, en. . .

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