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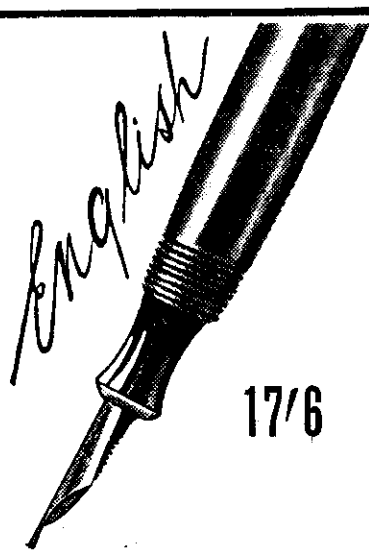
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RADIO'S PROGRAMME FOR PEACE-TIME

Full Findings of The Commonwealth Broadcasting Conference

AS was announced at the outset, the Commonwealth Broadcasting Conference, which recently concluded in London, was of a "domestic" nature and its discussions were not made public. But here is the full text of the official statement issued by the chairman (W. J. Haley, Director-General of the BBC), at the conclusion of the Conference, covering its findings.



W. J. HALEY,
Director-General of the BBC, and
chairman of the Conference

THE Commonwealth Broadcasting Conference, which held its first meeting on February 15, closed on March 9. The Conference was called in order that the national broadcasting organisations of the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and India should be able to review their co-operation during the war years and to consult with each other on how best this co-operation, which has been of such benefit to the Commonwealth and the world, could be continued and developed in times of peace.

Parallel with the meetings of the main Conference a technical sub-committee sat to cover the same field on the engineering and scientific sides.

The Conference has come to unanimous agreement that in all the main fields covered, co-operation should be continued and developed to the fullest possible extent.

The national broadcasting organisations represented appreciate the importance of exchanging broadcast news, programmes, and services within the Commonwealth.

In the sphere of Commonwealth news, the Conference has taken the widest possible measures to ensure that there shall be a genuine flow of news and information by means of broadcasting throughout the Commonwealth.

The Conference has recommended the pooling of resources and inter-availability of material to this end without in any way supplanting the work of the regular news agencies and news sources. In this field the Conference appreciates that there are many ways in which it can use its own medium of broadcasting to ensure to listeners throughout the world the widest, most responsible, and most accurate information on Commonwealth affairs.

Exchange of Programmes

The Conference believes that not only greater understanding but better listening should ensure in times of peace from the exchange of programmes between its constituent members. Such programmes will clearly have to make their way on their merits, but it is the conviction of the Conference that each national broadcasting organisation within the Commonwealth has a valuable contribution to make to the others. It is hoped, by exchange of programmes, by co-operation in the broadcasting of great national events within the Commonwealth, and by the pooling of resources and the exchange of facilities and information, to provide listeners within the Commonwealth with the widest range of studio and actuality programmes which broadcasting can give.



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PROF. JAMES SHELLEY,
Director of the NBS, who represented
New Zealand

The future of rebroadcasting of each other's programmes and the use of transcription services was carefully studied, and problems of post-war transmission were also discussed.

Believing that nothing but good can come from the widening of individual horizons and the greatest possible variety of experience, both to the individuals concerned and to their organisations, the Conference has made plans for the secondment of picked members of staff between one broadcasting organisation within the Commonwealth and another. It is felt that such a process must have a valuable cumulative effect of widening knowledge of the Commonwealth and bringing to broadcasting a greater authority when dealing with its problems.

Courtesy and Fairness

The Conference also dealt with the problems of standards of fairness and international courtesy in broadcasting. It

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