



HELENE KIRSOVA, who has successfully pioneered the establishment of ballet in Australia. She is here seen as the Doll, in "Petrouchka."

New Zealander to Study Abroad

YOUNG New Zealanders who are interested in the ballet have not yet the opportunities available to Australians, of studying in their own country, but *The Listener* has heard of one whose ambition to study overseas is to be realised by means of a Rehabilitation Bursary. His name is Harold Robinson,



HAROLD ROBINSON
Return is one condition

and he will leave Wellington for England shortly to study at Sadler's Wells under Ninette de Valois. From the photograph which accompanies this note, many New Zealanders who served in the Pacific theatre will remember him as one of the outstanding members of the Pacific zone Kiwi Concert Party. Although now only 25, Mr. Robinson had stage experience before the war and was even then becoming known in Dunedin as a baritone and a dancer. He had his first experience of the theatre, as a boy in an Eton suit, when he toured with Edward Branscombe's Westminster Glee Singers. But ballet was his favourite study and now he is to have the chance to give all his attention to it.

"I can count myself lucky," he told *The Listener*, "to have been granted a bursary by the Rehabilitation Department. I am already a member of the Royal Academy of Dancing, and I received a good deal of help from Anton Dolin, when he was here with the Monte Carlo Ballet, as well as from others. In England I intend to study mime, make-up, choreography, décor, and the teaching of Royal Academy technique."

We asked him if he planned to return to New Zealand.

"Yes, that is one of the conditions of my bursary," he said. "I will come back to pass on to others what I learn in England."

After serving three years with entertainment units and American shows in the Pacific, Mr. Robinson went to Egypt and there appeared in some of the ENSA productions. Since his return to New Zealand, after four years overseas, he has appeared in several Auckland revues.



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