

"Now here's a man who's going ahead at last. All he'll have to do is to be careful. We'll soon have him on his feet . . . Feel all right?"

Colvin, now thoroughly awake, heard a voice that sounded rather like his own. The voice was saying with a cheerfulness that was really quite convincing, "Not so bad, Doctor."

"Good business. Make a start with an hour."

AS Colvin dressed he strove hard to conceal his delight—to assume that indifference which experience demanded. But a fellow-patient was patting him on the back and he responded with a grin that would not be denied. As his slippered feet shuffled down the ward his face was bright with renewed hope.

Still More Listeners

RADIO licences in force in New Zealand at March 31 this year totalled 395,139, compared with 380,128 last year. Figures for the four main centres are: Auckland, 129,816 ordinary receivers, 446 dealers, 9 multiple, 1 special, 629 free, and 257 amateur; Canterbury, 71,058 receivers, 179 dealers, 22 multiple, 309 free, 144 amateur; Otago, 51,731 receivers, 154 dealers, 12 multiple, 212 free, 97 amateur; Wellington, 138,691 receivers, 461 dealers, 11 multiple, 1 special, 552 free, and 347 amateur.

A Night Owl At The BBC

PATRICK LACEY (right), one of the best-known BBC news reviewers and commentators, is tall, clean-shaven and dark, and twinkles at you through horn-rimmed glasses. Although he has been talking regularly about world events for over four years (except for his Canadian-born colleague, J. B. McGeachy, he has the longest record of service as a commentator in the North American News Service), it is difficult to get him to talk about himself. Hard probing, however, reveals that before he came into broadcasting Lacey did important work in journalism. After leaving Oxford he was for some years on the staffs of the two leading English provincial newspapers—the *Yorkshire Post* and the *Manchester Guardian*. Then, in 1929, he went to India as an assistant-editor of the *Statesman*, where he remained for eight years. During that period he acted for a time as correspondent with the Government of India for *The Times*, of London, and other leading English newspapers. Once, when campaigning in his paper for reform of Hindu marriage customs, he enlisted the support of

Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru. Returning to England in 1937, he was for some time in the Press Gallery of the House of Commons, and contributed to most of the London reviews largely on Indian affairs.

He was rejected for the Services on medical grounds, and spent the first eighteen months of the war in censorship.

He was no stranger to the microphone when he joined the BBC in May, 1941, as he had already broadcast as a freelance. Since then Patrick Lacey has lived a largely nocturnal existence. Time differences between Britain and the North American Continent have meant that he starts work in the evening and goes on through the night, preparing his news analyses for broadcasting to North America at midnight and to Australia and New Zealand in the early hours of the morning. One of his most vivid



BBC photograph

memories is of being the first BBC commentator to broadcast about the Pearl Harbour disaster.

His pretty and talented wife, Beryl Denman Lacey, is making a name for herself as a writer of scripts for instructional films on surgery, which are used extensively in the training of medical students. Lacey himself is still being heard in broadcasts from Britain.



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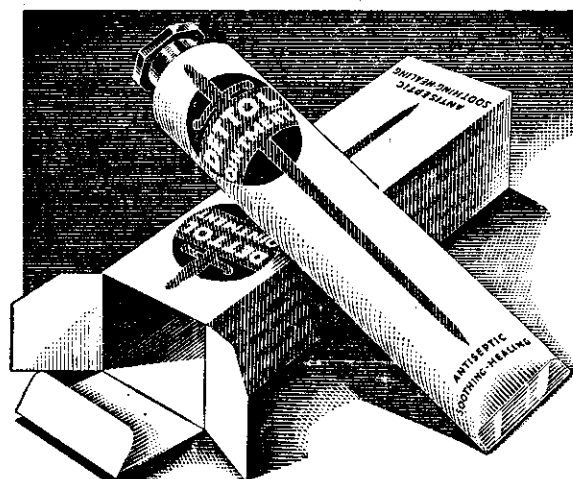
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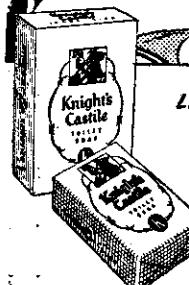
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