

SHORTWAVE HIGHLIGHTS

THE Pacific Service of the BBC this Sunday (February 1) will present in Radio Newsreel at 6.30 p.m. a commentary on the departure of their Majesties the King and Queen, Princess Elizabeth, and Princess Margaret Rose, from Waterloo Station for their tour of South Africa and Rhodesia; and at 7.10 an account of the Royal Party's embarkation on H.M.S. Vanguard, Britain's newest and largest battleship, in which they will make the voyage.

Stations, frequencies and wavelengths used in the Pacific Service: GVZ, 9.64 mc/s., 31.12 metres; GRX, 9.69 mc/s., 30.96 metres; GSN, 11.82 mc/s., 25.38 metres; GRD, 15.45 mc/s., 19.42 metres; GRQ, 18.025 mc/s., 16.64 metres; GVS, 21.71 mc/s., 13.82 metres.

This service may be heard broadcasting each evening from 6.0 until 10.0 and all the stations carry this programme for the full transmission time (with the exception of GRD which does not begin until 6.45).

Headlines in the Programmes for the current week: Beau Geste (adapted from the novel by P. C. Wren) 6.45 p.m., Wednesday; Science Survey (a programme edited by Prof. E. N. da C. Andrade), 7.15 p.m., Wednesday; British Industries Fair 1947, 6.15 p.m., Friday; Sportsmen of To-day: Sydney Wooderson, 7.30 p.m., Saturday.

Special Feature Programme: "The Man who could work Miracles" by H. G. Wells, is a special programme to be heard at 6.45 p.m. this Thursday. It is adapted for radio by Laurence Gilliam, with special music by Robert Chignal, and is produced by Felix Felton.

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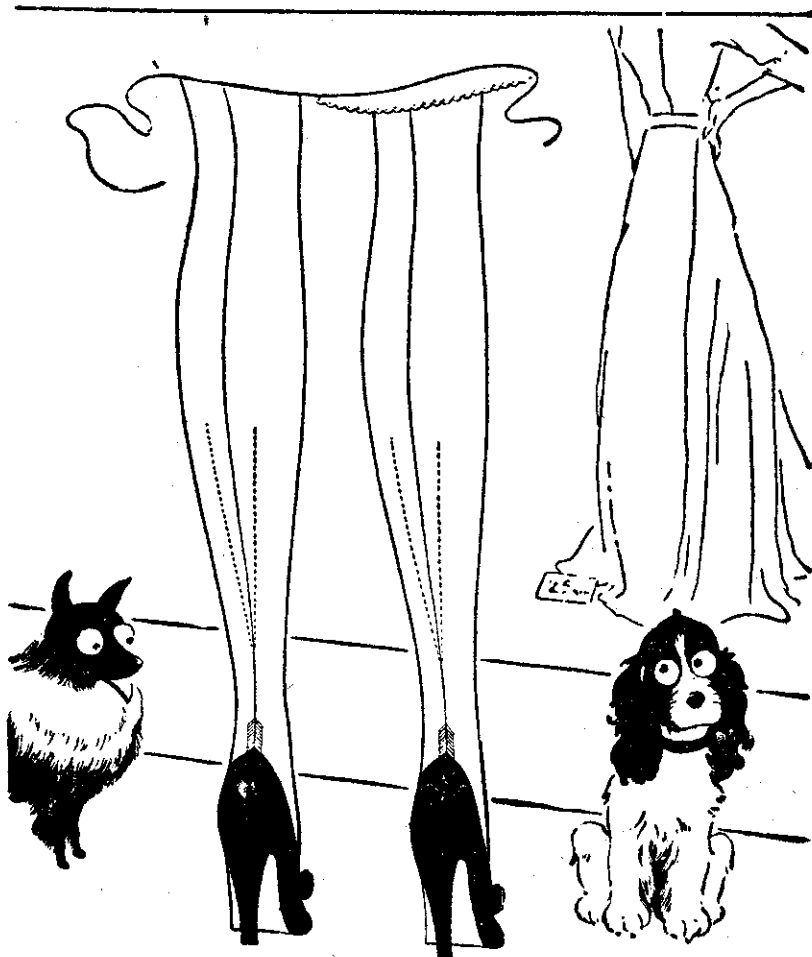
illustrating the work done there. Young students, who had never heard English spoken before, had been practising prepared speeches for weeks. I remember one which began: "Gentlemen, I shall now tell you about the research of comrade So-and-So in the struggle against beetles." Every night there were opera, ballet, scientific meetings. Engagements overlapped and became hopelessly double-booked. And at the end of the week we tumbled exhausted into three special trains for Leningrad.

Flowers and Books

Leningrad met us at the railway station with flowers. Every moment of our time was organised. On the night when we had dinner at the Uritsky palace, a Soviet schoolboy waited outside till 2.0 a.m. in the hope of speaking English to a real foreigner. It was I he caught; and we sat on the banks of the Neva in the midnight sun, doing an English lesson together at two in the morning. I got an idea in Leningrad of what it was like to have been through the siege. The wife of one botanist told me how her husband had continued work till he died of starvation. "We kept going, with the children," she said, "till there were no more cats to eat. Then my husband was too weak. He had to stay in bed. Soon after he died. It was winter time. For a week his body was in the room; we hadn't enough strength to take him away. Then a soldier helped us to bury him."

We saw a great deal in Leningrad and after four days there we staggered back to the train for Moscow. I say, staggered.

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