

New Radio Sleuth

A NEW serial, *The Adventures of Perry Mason*, replacing *A Case for Cleveland*, is now being broadcast by 2ZA on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7.45 p.m. and from 2ZB at 7.30 p.m. Playing on the same nights of the week it will start at 1ZB on Wednesday, April 14, 3ZB on Wednesday, April 28, and 4ZB on Wednesday, May 12, in each case at 7.30 o'clock. This is the first series of New Zealand broadcasts of



JOHN BHOLE, as Perry Mason

crime stories by the American novelist Erle Stanley Gardner. There are 31 fifteen-minute episodes in the first tale, sub-titled "The Case of the Jealous Sister," which finds Mason attacking a problem concerning an innocent-looking string of beads with a sinister history.

For listeners who like to know the names of the players, here is the cast: Perry Mason (played by John Bhole), Della Street (Marcia Hart), Paul Drake (Clifford Cowley), Arthur Baldwin (Reg. Goldsworthy), Velma Ashely (Patricia Kennedy) Rose Ashely (Beryl Walker), Frank Carlisle (David Reid), Lieut. Duryea (Keith Howard), Lieut. Tragg (Keith Hudson), and Sylvia Baldwin (Mary Reid). Erle Stanley Gardner, once a lawyer, is one of the most prolific crime fiction writers in the U.S.

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bulletins, we believe, must stand or fall by that test. Of course we explain the British way of living, but provided we do so within the scope of that integrity, no breach of trust is involved. In building up the news we select the significant and reject the purely sensational. The British broadcasts have attracted a large public in Europe not simply because objective news is given day by day, but because listeners recognise the principle of sanity and truth behind it—a principle for which men will risk their lives. That was shown during the recent war."

Mr. Hutchison had not very much to say about television. Six new stations had been planned in Britain, but were held up because of concentration on more essential work for export trade, he explained. The range of television was 45 miles and at present there were 50,000 sets in Britain. But it was an expensive business. Quite apart from the heavy cost of technical equipment, stage sets had to be built and as many rehearsals held as for a full stage-play. He added that his next visit to New Zealand would probably be during the coming Royal Tour.

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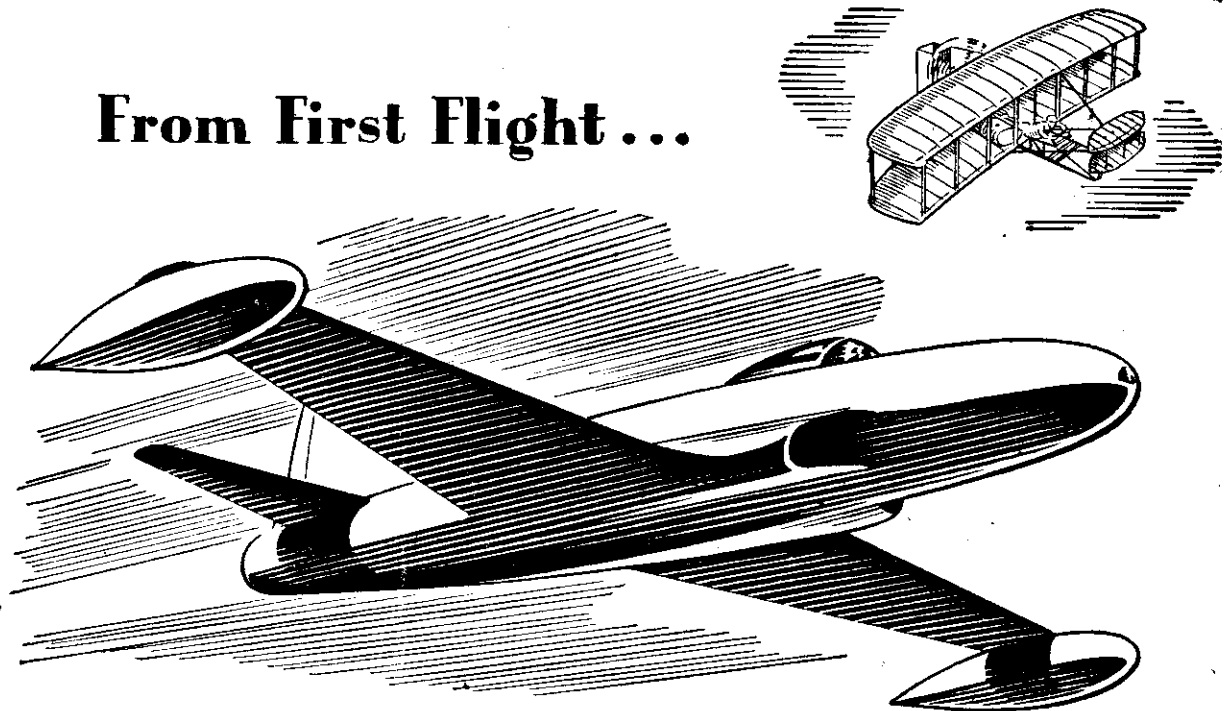
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