## SHORTWAVE HIGHLIGHTS

### BBC Broadcasts of the XIV Olympiad

FROM July 29 until August 14 the the Pacific Service on GVZ (9.64 mc/s., attention of millions of listeners 31.12 metres). throughout the world will be centred on London where the XIV Olympiadthe first Olympic Games meeting for 12 years—is to be held. Preparations are now almost complete, and despite the difficulties of the times, London is looking forward to flying the Olympic flag again, after a lapse of 40 years. It is expected that there will be about 5,000 competitors representing 61 countries and participating in 17 sports. The programme lists 135 separate events-the highest number of events ever recorded at an Olympiad.

The Games begin in the Empire Stadium at Wembley on Thursday afternoon, July 29 (Friday morning, New Zealand time) with the traditional ceremony, when the President of the Games (Viscount Portal of Laverstoke) will invite H.M. the King to proclaim the opening of the Olympiad. A Royal salute of 21 guns will then be fired, followed by the lighting of the Olympic flame, the singing of the Olympic hymn, and the taking of the Olympic oath by a selected competitor.

New Zealand's interest is naturally focussed on its own representatives: Ngaire Lane (swimming), R. Goslin (boxing), T. R. Carter (cycling), D. M. Harris, W. H. Nelson, J. M. Holland (athletics), and M. Crow (weightlifting). Nelson, Harris and Holland will all be running on July 30. The British Broadcasting Corporation has extensive arrangements to cover all the events, but as the time is not suitable for New Zealand listeners, commentaries will be recorded and broadcast later in the day (see page 4). Reception from London during the day is excellent, so listeners should have no difficulty in picking up the BBC. On Thursday, July 29, at 7.45 a.m., 12.15 p.m., 2.45 p.m. and 5.15 p.m., a preview of lastminute Olympic news will be broadcast on GSD (11.75 mc/s., 25.53 metres).

A talk by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. C. R. Attlee, and a commentary from Dover on the arrival of the Olympic flame from Greece, will be broadcast at 8.15 a.m., 12.45 p.m. and 6.45 p.m. on Thursday over GSD. The 6.45 p.m. report will also be heard in

#### NATIONAL FILM UNIT

WEEKLY Review No. 359, to be released by the N.Z. National Film Unit on July 23, features life in Akaroa, where the tweeds come from, the N.Z. Sheep Dog Championships held recently in Otago, Defence Talks in Fiji (showing chiefs of staff from New Zealand conferring with the Governor of Fiji), and an item by Tony Rex (baritone) who paid a brief visit to Wellington en route from England to join his concert party in Melbourne.

#### Ziegler-Booth Concert

ON Wednesday, July 28, the visiting radio and stage artists Anne Ziegler and Webster Booth will give a public concert in the Wellington Town Hall, Part of the concert (between 8.0 and 9.0 p.m.) will be broadcast by 2YC.

The Opening Ceremony takes place between 2.0-4.0 a.m. on Friday, July 30 (New Zealand time), but reports broadcast over GSF (15.14 mc/s., 19.82 metres), and GSV (17.81, 16.84) will be heard at 7.45 a.m., 9.5 a.m., 12.15 p.m., 2.45 p.m. and 5.15 p.m. over GSD. On Saturday reports will be broadcast at 9.5 a.m., 2.45 p.m. and 5.15 p.m., and on Sunday at 7.45 a.m., 9.5 a.m., and 12.15 p.m. again over GSD.

#### NOTHING EPHEMERAL

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