

LETTERS FROM LISTENERS

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NEW ZEALAND VIEWS

Sir.—Your article "The Finest View in New Zealand" and the succeeding letters on the subject have interested me. But no one yet has described what I claim to be the view that holds top place.

If you ascend the mountain marked on survey maps of Queen Charlotte Sound as Tarakawa and known to those living near as Pukeatua—a mountain on the mainland that rises 1885ft. a short distance from the look-out of the Te Awaiti whaling station—you stand in the midst of a grand panorama. Just below is the Tory Channel entrance, and on a blue day you get blue waves, white-tipped, sporting around dark-pinnacled rocks; the blue strait, and be-

yond, in pastel tints, the distant hills of the North Island. Let the eyes wander slowly round in the direction of the sun's path and a contoured plan of Queen Charlotte Sound is spread before you—Arapawa Island sprawling up the Channel; Long Island, Blumine Island, and Motuara as if floating on the silvered waters of the North Entrance; the bush-clad hills above Ship Cove, and the winding waterways leading on to The Grove.

Beyond, you get glimpses of Pelorus Sound—no, more than glimpses—here are blue lakes, dark hills, more blue lakes and yet more hills. The eyes travel on—there is no obstruction—to the waters of Port Underwood, ultramarine, spread out into Cloudy Bay; and farther on are the Wairau Plains backed by a grand picture of the snowy Kaikouras. Then, just by way of variety, Cape Campbell, cliff-scarred, appears as a long headland, picturesque, jutting out into the endless blue of the Southern ocean.

And if the month is November you have an enchanting scene at your feet—here and there groups of weather-worn boulders in the midst of great patches of the perfumed *Helichrysum*,

the crisp petals glistening like sun-kissed snow; and further down, in contrast, the roof canopy of dark-leaved Pukatea. A veritable Pukeatua—hill of God.
REWA GLENN
(Wellington).

NEW DIRECTIONS?

Sir,—Frank Sargeson, in his talk on Katherine Mansfield, refers to her story "The Voyage" as being the crossing from Picton to Wellington. Surely Fenella and her grandmother crossed to Picton? This seems to me no minor detail, but an essential part of the story (as printed in the Collected Stories, 1945 edition). Has Mr. Sargeson an earlier and quite different version? He makes the comment twice.
J.S. (Wellington).

12M REQUEST SESSION.

Sir,—Since reading "Fishneck's" letter in your issue of August 6 I would like to add, in support, that I fully agree with him on the excellence of 12M's request sessions. It is a great pity that they should be curtailed so often to relay boxing and I would suggest changing the request evening if "Fishneck's" ideas could not be complied with.

I would be glad if someone could also inform me why in the change-over of station frequencies, 12M is not included? After the change-over at least two Australian stations will be on

the same wavelength as 12M. Reception of this popular station is already marred in Hamilton on the majority of sets in the evening by an unpleasant whistle in the background and I would be interested to know if this fault is always to remain with us. If so let's hope the new Hamilton station will broadcast as good programmes as 12M. "SERVICEMAN" (Frankton Junct.)

(We are informed that since the total number of radio stations in Australia and New Zealand exceeds the number of channels available, it has been found impossible to arrange an entirely clear channel for 12M.—Ed.)

IN A CHURCH

Sir,—C. B. Macmillan's letter prompts me to rise in defence of "Sundowner" immediately. As a Minister of Religion, as a country man, and as one who has travelled in most places described by him, I greatly appreciate his factual and withal sympathetic articles. His writings have the effect on me, of leading me to sum him up as one who is more than usually appreciative of the link there is between the soul and the soil. Furthermore, his assessment of men and their motives is more often than not refreshingly precise. His observations on both places and people always seem to me to show mature judgment, human sympathy and a true perspective of man's relationship to God.—(REV.) ANDREW J. JOHNSTON (Sydenham Circuit).

NATIONAL FILM UNIT

(COLOURFUL scenes of the island people who put on special entertainments and dances for the Governor-General's tour of the Pacific Islands are a feature of the principal item, "Vire-Royal Tour," in the National Film Unit's Weekly Review No. 364, to be released on August 27. Also in the reel is a glimpse of the Cross-Country Championships run at Christchurch, and a short item, "New Tractor" (a demonstration for farmers).)

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