SHORTWAVE CONFERENCE

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m T}$ Mexico City, apparently a favourite spot for international discussion since it was the venue of last November's successful Unesco meeting, another international conference will be held during the next month or two-this time about high frequency broadcasting affairs. Delegates from practically all nations will be present, New Zealand being represented by the chief engineer of the



Spencer Digby photograph W. L. HARRISON

NZBS, W. L. Harrison, B.E., B.Sc., A.M.I.E.E., and the chief engineer of the Post and Telegraph Department, E. H. R. Green, M.Sc., M.I.E.E. They left for Mexico by air on September 18.

Discussions at the conference will centre around the allocation of frequencies for shortwave broadcasting services throughout the world, and New Zealand is particularly concerned with the allotment of future frequencies to be used by Radio New Zealand, the NZBS shortwave service which started operations this week.

In the past, similar conferences have been held at about five-year intervals as it became necessary to re-distribute fairly amongst the nations the channels available for their expanding shortwave networks. At the present Mexico City conference delegates hope to clean up unfinished business left over from the international broadcasting conference held last year at Atlantic City.

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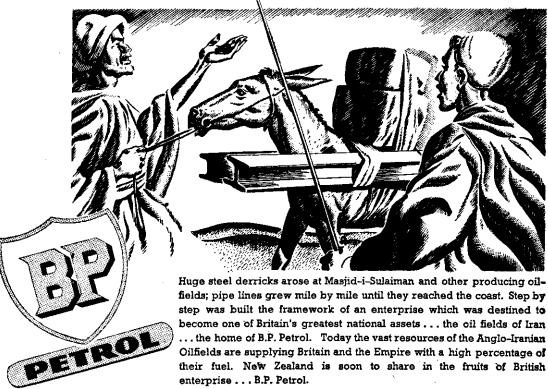
amusements are prohibited in the village during the preparation of the play. No one may participate in the spec-

tacle unless he or she is of unimpeachable moral character and dramatically suited to enact the role for which he is chosen. But actors and actresses, even in a deeply religious theatrical performance, must live, and so the box-office receipts from the 300,000 to 400,000 spectators each season are divided into four parts-one part is spent in preparation of the play, one goes to provide accommodation for visitors, one is for the church and one for the players. So far the Oberammergau Passion Play has not been filmed. Though they may have been tempted, the producers have declined to have anything to do with the motion picture or television.



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