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## LETTERS FROM LISTENERS

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### DOGS AND HEALTH

Sir,—The experience of Ethel M. Duff in respect to pet dogs in England is that of colonials generally. The state of city pavements is sorry. But before we pat ourselves too heavily on the back, let us reflect on the difference between conditions. The average New Zealand house has much more space round it for the exercising of a dog than the English house. With the development of flat life in New Zealand cities, the same problem arises as in England. Someone has to take the dog out for a walk regularly. Quite a lot of dogs are kept

in flats, and some are big. In one respect we are definitely more hygienic. We don't allow dogs in restaurants; at any rate Wellington doesn't. The custom in England of taking dogs into meals disgusts the visitor. The other day I noticed that a titled woman took her pet dog to the annual banquet given by the Lord Mayor of London. She explained that the dog went everywhere with her; he had even been to Westminster Abbey either to the Coronation or the Royal Wedding, I forget which. Did she smuggle him in? If I were Lord Mayor, or any other host, I should say, leave your dog outside, or stay away.

A.M. (Wellington).

Sir,—I would like to give Ethel M. Duff support for her sensible letter on dogs. It is certainly time we came to grips with the menace to health presented by pet dogs. My home is in a short, blind street, yet there is a real assortment of breeds. The owners are particular that these animals are not allowed to defile their own section, so they are turned out in the street "to be clean." It is disgusting to mow the street-side lawn, yet little children romp, toss and play on these swards. If the various borough councils treated the trouble as important and fixed the registration fee at £5, this scourge could be controlled.

DEVONPORT

(Auckland).

### REPEATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sir,—Is it absolutely necessary for every notice put over the air to be immediately repeated in full? Surely we are not such a fatheaded nation that we are incapable of grasping the sense of an announcement the first time without an irritating and tedious repetition of detail.

NOT A MORON

(Wellington).

### OPERA BROADCASTS

Sir,—During the past opera season in Auckland, country listeners and others too, must have been grateful at last for the invention of their wireless. After evenings of hopeless dial-turning in search of something agreeable, what comfort to listen to more than two hours of delightful music and singing straight from the theatre. The announcer, too, I think helped in that enjoyment with his spontaneous and enlightening comments. Altogether a much appreciated series of broadcasts.

OPERA LOVER (Manurewa).

### REQUEST SESSIONS

Sir,—May I join other aged mothers in asking why the Wednesday evening request session from 1YD is cut out. Surely 1YA programme could be taken over sometimes by 1YC to let those of us who have to stay at home enjoy the listeners' request sessions. Operas may suit some people. We who stay at home look forward to good old-time melodies. We get fed up listening to jazz and the present-day music. The 1ZB request session at mid-day on Sundays should be sacred music; it seems out of place to hear such a lot of boogie-woogie items. We get those all the week, and they suit the young people of today, but we older people want a change.

ANXIOUS LISTENER (Rotorua).

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