

IF LONDON IS BOMBED

No Ringside Reporting

BOMB-TO-BOMB reports of air raids on Great Britain will definitely *not* be broadcast, either by Daventry or by local agencies of any of the big American networks.

If an air raid on London takes place broadcasts will be confined to the laconic news flashes which every British listener will hear, plus, of course, "a little local colour."

One of the biggest radio networks in the United States is reported to have

tried to make arrangements with the BBC for an instantaneous tie-up the moment a raid starts; and it was stated that "America will hear the whole thing until the raiders are driven off or the radio station is bombed out of commission."

All the details, it was said, had been carefully worked out. "The war will be brought to your fireside" was the slogan.

But this was wishful thinking. The facts are that radio listeners in the United States will hear no more and no less than British listeners.

Officials of the EBC and the Ministries of Propaganda and Home Security state that radio organisations sponsoring the American broadcasts will be subjected to the same censorship of news as the BBC and home and foreign newspapers.

Any arrangements they make for broadcasting air raids on England are virtually controlled by the BBC in the sense that they provide them with the necessary technical facilities.

Any information likely to cause panic or undermine the morale of English listeners who might be listening in to American broadcasts would be immediately banned, in the first place by the censors who have to pass the script, and secondly, if any emergency arose, by the BBC, which could cut broadcasts off the air.

DRAMA FESTIVAL

Auckland Arrangements

ARRANGEMENTS are well in hand for the Auckland elimination festival in the National Centennial One-Act Play Competition. The festival will be held in the Town Hall concert chamber on Tuesday, July 9, Wednesday, July 10, and Friday, July 12. Thursday evening will be taken up with the competition for choirs and string quartets. The climax to the festival will be the provincial semi-final which will be staged in the Concert Chamber on the Saturday. This will consist of the two best teams from the Waikato and the two best teams from

OLGA COELHO IN SOUTH AFRICA

News of the visit to South Africa of Olga Coelho, the Brazilian singer and guitarist who toured New Zealand last year, is given in the "Rand Daily Mail." This paper reported her arrival from Australia in March, and noted her popularity

Auckland. The adjudicators chosen are Miss Margaret Barr, late of London, for the elimination festival, and Miss May Macdonald, of the Napier Repertory Theatre, for the semi-final.

Souvenir Programme

It is intended to mark the occasion by publishing a sixteen page souvenir programme, in which there will be included a number of articles on the theatre in Auckland, past, present and future. There will also be paragraphs about the various dramatic societies competing and a short account of the work of the Auckland Drama Council. Auckland has ten entries: Auckland Repertory Theatre, "Cartoon" (Coppard); Auckland Judean Dramatic Club, "Created" (Norris); Auckland Teachers' Training College, "Sunday Costs Five Pesos" (Niggli); Avondale Women's Institute, "White Queen, Red Queen" (Morris); Auckland Centre Women's Institute, "Get Out of Your Cage" (Plowman); Ellerslie Women's Institute, "Number Ten" (Muriel and Sydney Box); Grafton Shakespeare and Dramatic Club, "Half-an-Hour" (Barrie); Northland Players (Whangarei), "Witch's Brew" (Macardle); Sheridan Players, "Anti-Clockwise" (Muriel and Sydney Box); and W.E.A. Dramatic Club, "Riders to the Sea" (Synge).

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