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Just stand by for a few minutes, will you? . . . Hello. Hello. One, two, three, four, five. I am speaking for the benefit of the technical operator in San Francisco. You are getting me all right, are you? . . . Very pleased to hear that. We'll probably get on all right. . . . Sorry, I missed some of that. . . . There's a high noise level here. . . . It would be a help if you would keep talking and let our receiver get a line on you. . . . Yes, I'll get the studio for you now. . . . Yes, I'll arrange a four-wire circuit for you right away. . . . Hello, San Francisco, I'm going to put you through to the broadcasting studio. . . . Hello, Sydney. We're all ready for a test. Mr. Slosberg is waiting here now. . . ."

Enter Mr. Slosberg: "This is Slosberg speaking. I cannot hear you very clearly. I will give you a test. 'An additional step in this country's already great war effort was announced over the week-end by the Prime Minister, Mr. Fraser, when he. . . . '"

And so on until 12.01 a.m., when Mr. Slosberg receives his signal to go ahead, and he grips the table a little more firmly and takes a deep breath and starts to read. Three minutes and ten seconds later he relaxes, waits for advice as to how it was received in America, and then goes home to his hotel to bed.

"N.Z. Deserves Assistance"

IN his first news bulletin from New Zealand to radio listeners in America, Mervin K. Slosberg singled out two items of news, first the Prime Minister's decision to call up for compulsory registration all men from 46 to 50 years of age and all women from 20 to 21; and second, the Hon. D. G. Sullivan's statement that he and Mr. Coates had been able to make "very satisfactory arrangements" with Australia for the supply to New Zealand of many important commodities.

"These pieces of news," said Mr. Slosberg, "must be viewed against a background of a nation of less than two million people, living in an area less than that of California — a nation that has been at war since the beginning of the fight against the Axis in 1939. In that time, New Zealand has sent its men to every battlefield, from every branch of the service. At present there are few men of fit condition who are not engaged in some form of war service—be it the army or other fighting services, or in the Home Guard, or in air-raid precautions work.

"Since the war in the Pacific the people of New Zealand have realised that they are in the line of the Japanese advance. With Australia, New Zealand is part of the American line of defense and offense in the south-west Pacific. New Zealand is looking to American assistance in men and machines. This country has the will and the ability to do a first-rate job in the war, as proven in other theatres of battle, but in order to do so, must have every bit of help from the United States. My own opinion is that this country deserves every form of assistance that she can get."



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