

PROGRAMMES



Alan Blakey photograph
IAN BURRY, Auckland tenor, is featured in the concert programme from Station 1YA on Friday, May 8



Alan Blakey photograph
FLORENCE MCCARTHY, one of the "Melody Maids" who sang from 1YA on April 18. She has taken the place of Ivy Hattaway



Apple Query." Entry fees are in stamps, some in the background



BBC photograph
"MR. RAMSHAW," a tame golden eagle, listens attentively while Jack Payne, famous British pianist and dance band leader, broadcasts in a BBC overseas programme. The eagle belongs to Captain C. W. R. Knight, the naturalist



JEAN MACFARLANE, the Scottish New Zealand soprano, will give a Studio recital from 1YA, Auckland, on Saturday, May 9

Items From The ZB's

A READY wit in a radio contest sometimes means ready cash, judging from an experience recently in an *Information Please* session at 4ZB. Don Donaldson, who is 4ZB's "Professor Speedee," asked a competitor which Biblical character made use of the jawbone of an ass, and against whom did he use it. The character was correctly identified as Samson, and his opponents as the Philistines. "How many Philistines did Samson kill in this highly original manner?" asked "Professor Speedee." The competitor was well beaten, but after a moment's thought he replied airily, "As many as he managed to hit, I suppose." He was awarded full marks.

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THE LEGION OF DEATH, a new serial starting soon from the Commercial stations, is an escape into the fantastic life of Central European court and diplomatic circles in the days before the Great War, when the motor-car was just beginning to oust the fiacre as a handy place for the whispering of dark secrets, and duels were still fought for the favour of a beautiful woman. The story, which opens in Budapest, concerns the wartime wanderings through Russia, France, and Africa, of a certain Baron Karl Taranska, who is exiled following an affair involving a Countess Elsa Heldenstrom at the Hungarian court. An Australian production from the B.A.P. studios, it features several radio actors whose voices are already familiar to ZB listeners.

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The part of Baron Taranska in *The Legion of Death* is played by Arundel ("King of the Cads") Nixon, while Elsa Heldenstrom is played by Katrin Roselle, a young Viennese actress who came to Australia to play lead in the stage play *I Married An Angel*. Her distinctive accent and her freshness and vivacity make her a good choice for the part. Others in the cast are the New Zealand girl, Lola Kelly, who has been heard here in several radio serials, Ronald Morse, Frank Bradley, Harold Meade, Queenie Ashton, and Ron Randell. There are 26 episodes, and the action includes all kinds of desperate adventures in European capitals, on slave ships, in the Foreign Legion, and in France during Great War I. *The Legion of Death* starts from 2ZB on Saturday, May 2; from 1ZB on May 16; from 3ZB May 30; and from 4ZB on June 14, and it will be heard every Saturday at 7.15 p.m.

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THE "Give and Take" quiz, which 4ZB has been presenting every Monday evening on behalf of the All Purposes Patriotic Appeal, was to have finished on April 14. So many listeners asked for its continuation, however, that arrangements have been made with the local Patriotic Council to extend it.