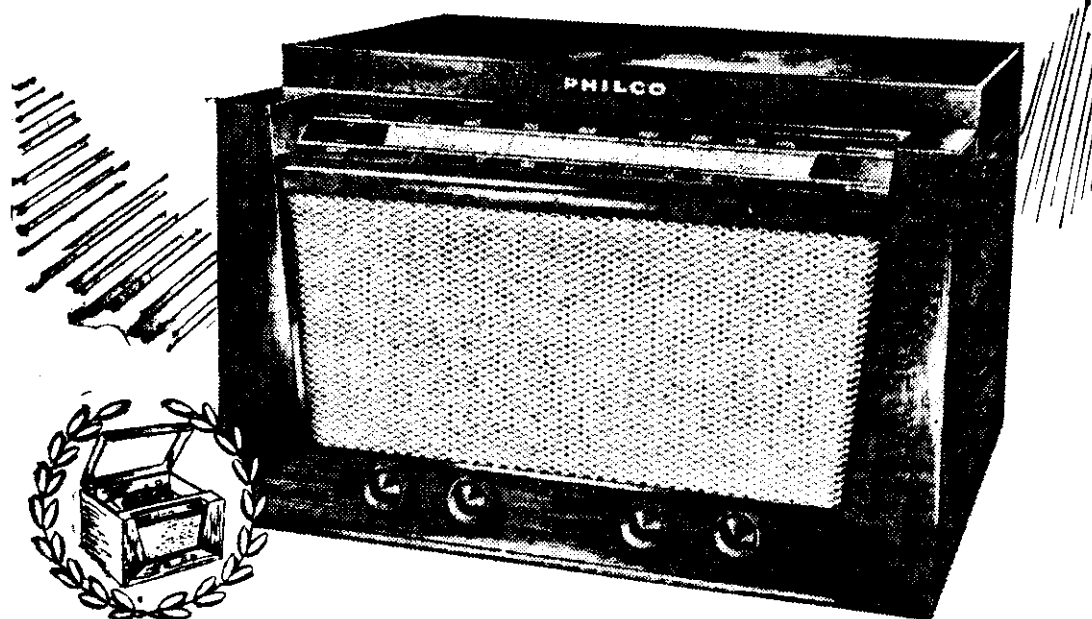


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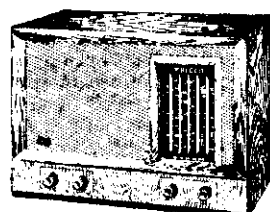


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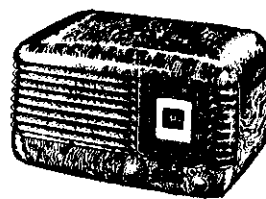


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## WHITE ANTS AND OTHERS

IF the popular saying can be believed, many buildings remain standing to-day only because of the termites holding hands. Though scientists have not yet observed this singular phenomenon, they do know a good deal about the strange social life of the white ant. In a new BBC programme to be broadcast shortly, listeners will hear about the termite community's blind workers, its monstrous soldiers, and its huge, inert, egg-laying queens. Entitled *White Ants*, the feature was written and produced by Nesta Pain, whose scientific productions have fascinated the lay audience.

*White Ants* is one of a further series of BBC features now being heard from the four ZB stations at 3.0 p.m. on Sundays. Another of these which should appeal strongly to listeners interested in science is *Radio Active Isotopes*, which, through recorded interviews, tells among other things how isotopes are used in medicine and industry.

Other new features to be heard in the series include *The Little Gold Shoe*, an entertainment for radio based on 287 versions of the story known in England as *Cinderella*; *William Booth*, the story of the founder of the Salvation Army; *The Saint and the Story-tellers*, which retells tales and legends of St. Patrick still heard in the Ulster countryside; *Trafalgar: The Decisive Battle*, a programme about the battle that finally killed Napoleon's hopes of subduing England; *Sleigh Ride*, a journey into melody for the festive season, which takes listeners around the world in company with Pearl Carr, Denis Martin and Robert Farnon and his Orchestra; and a *Picture Parade* programme about *The Beggar's Opera*.

## NEW ZEALAND SCENE

AFTER travelling an average of about 20,000 miles a year for the past six years, Robert Allender believes that travel is not nearly as dull as many travelogue writers make it sound, but that it isn't necessarily broadening. "It all depends upon the sensitivity of the traveller," he says. "On a lonely tropical beach last year I shared a bungalow with a man who had just spent £3000 on a 12 weeks' tour visiting 16 countries. I asked him which place he found amusing. This, he said, he liked best of all—because the seashells were so nice."

Always attracted by New Zealand scenes, Mr. Allender is soon to broadcast from 1YC a series of impressions of this country, under the title *Land of Our Living*. Among his subjects are Taranaki, Manapouri, Hanmer, Rotorua, Nelson and the North Island Main Trunk.

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