

Outlook for Oil

J. W. PLATT (below), who will discuss *The Outlook for Petroleum* from YA and YZ stations at 8.45 p.m. on Sunday, April 4, is a managing director of the Shell Group of oil companies. Born in Ireland, Mr. Platt had his early education in Opptiki and Auckland, and after serving with the N.Z.E.F. in the First World War went to Balliol College, Oxford, on one of four scholarships given by the Government to returned soldiers. Mr. Platt has been with the Shell Company in Britain, China and South America, and now serves on the boards of many group companies. He was a member of the reception committee of the Olympic Games in London in 1948.



World Theatre "Tempest"

ONE of the BBC's most successful *World Theatre* adaptations, *The Tempest*, with Norman Shelley in the role of Prospero, will be repeated from 3YC at 9.0 p.m. on Tuesday, March 30. The play is produced by Raymond Raikes, and the broadcast will be preceded at 8.10 p.m. by a six-minute introductory talk by Sarah Campion. In this *World Theatre* version of *The Tempest*, which was first broadcast here in 1952, Raymond Raikes has introduced two departures from tradition. He adopts the theory that the storm does not end until Prospero discards his authority and "adjures his rough magic," so that in the broadcast the sense of tempest is all-pervading. His other change is in the interpretation of the character of Prospero, who is often represented as an unsympathetic, prosy pedant. Raikes feels it is possible to see him as a man who has lived richly and is aware of the temptations which beset his fellows. The broadcast lasts for just under two hours. Besides Norman Shelley in the leading role there is Louise Hutton as Miranda and John Glen as Ferdinand.

Longer Hours at X Stations

THE broadcasting hours of all X class stations except 1XH are to be extended as from Thursday, April 1. Hamilton's Station 1XH, is already operating on extended hours.

The new hours will be from 7.0 to 11.0 a.m. and from 6.0 to 10.30 p.m. Each station's shopping reporter will have a half-hour programme daily on weekdays instead of a quarter-hour, and the hour from 10.0 a.m. to 11.0 a.m. will be taken up with four new sponsored features. In the evenings sponsored features or musical programmes will be broadcast in the extra time from 6.0 to 6.30.

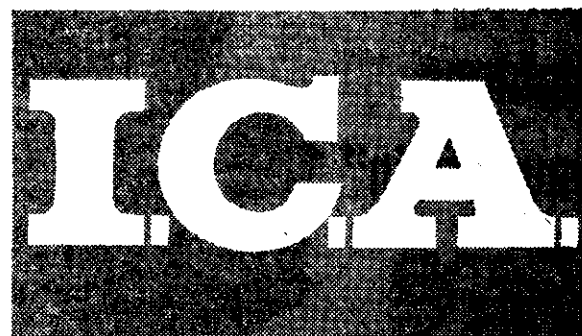
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