

## RADIO ENGINEER FROM BORNEO

THE first Unesco Fellow under a New Zealand Government grant to come to the NZBS for training and experience passed through Wellington the other day. He is Chee Haw Kong, an inspector in the Post and Telegraph Department of British North Borneo. Mr. Chee was on his way to the Auckland district where he will spend the first part of his six months' stay—at 1YA, 1ZB and an X station. Later he will have a spell in Wellington, studying station operations.

When *The Listener* called to see Mr. Chee at the office of the National Commission for Unesco, we found a friendly



N.P.S. photograph

CHEE HAW KONG

young Chinese who said his aim in New Zealand would be to gain as much technical knowledge and practical experience as he could absorb. He was very pleased with the opportunity to widen his experience, and would take a special interest in studio control and maintenance of broadcasting transmitters.

Mr. Chee explained that in North Borneo broadcasting was the responsibility of the Post and Telegraph Department, whose station at Jesselton—with a transmitter some miles distant—was on the air for an hour at lunch-time each day. "It is mainly an information service," Mr. Chee said. "We broadcast news—mostly local news—in English, Chinese and Malay. Occasionally there are talks by Government officers to help the people to understand what the Government is doing, and some musical items; and we play BBC transcriptions in English as well as ordinary commercial recordings in Chinese and Malay. The Government Information Office is in charge of programmes." Broadcasting, Mr. Chee added, was regarded as an important part of the information services. The population of North Borneo is about 334,000 of whom about 2000 are Europeans. The number of radio licences issued in the Colony is about 3000.

Mr. Chee, who has been engaged in radio work for about 14 years, does maintenance work on the Post and Telegraph broadcasting equipment as well as some announcing. He is also concerned with public address equipment and a certain number of radio receivers. He expects to make good use of experience gained here when he gets back home, as new equipment for the studio and a new transmitter have been ordered by the North Borneo Government under a Colonial Development and Welfare Scheme

# Isn't it strange, Mr. Holland?

**Whenever you  
"reduce"  
Taxation—  
we have to pay  
MORE!**

Do you remember, Mr. Holland, the election broadcast in 1949 when you said "our objective is to reduce taxation and taxation will be reduced"?

And only a couple of months ago in your budget speech you claimed a "total of £40,000,000 in tax reductions".

How is it then, Mr. Holland, you're taking from us £70,000,000 more a year than we paid under Labour? How is it that taxation jumped from £70 per head to £100 per head since you've been in office? What are your promises worth, Mr. Holland?

**This time,  
VOTE  
LABOUR**

N.Z. LABOUR PARTY

4.30LP



**IT'S TRUE!**  
look at these total  
taxation figures

1949-50  
Labour's last  
year of office

**£135,000,000**

1950-51  
Nationalist's  
first year

**£157,000,000**

1953-54  
Nationalist's  
last year

**£206,000,000**