

OPERATION BANKNOTE

IN the peaceful Paris district of St. Cyr the headquarters of the International Police Commission are to be found. This is the organisation commonly known by its code name of Interpol. The Commission is sponsored and staffed by expert detectives from most of the countries of Western Europe. Its authority covers crime in all its international phases—and Interpol's cases include espionage, forgery, counterfeiting, murder, and deal-

ing with political escapees and refugees. The Commission first began its work in the early 1930s, but suspended operations during the war. It was revived by a meeting of National Police Chiefs in 1946.

One of the most interesting of Interpol's cases, and one they are still close-mouthed about, was the cleaning-up of a large-scale counterfeit operation during and after the war in Europe. It is known that the Albanian spy Eliaza Banza—the infamous "Cicero"—was paid over a quarter of a million pounds in these forged notes.

It was this affair which inspired the plot of *The Golden Cobweb*, the new ZB serial which begins at 9.0 p.m. on Monday, October 1. The affair of the Golden Cobweb, or "Operation Banknote," as it became known to Interpol, began when a certain Major Von Kauffner was appointed by the Nazi High Command to create a counterfeiting organisation capable of turning out millions of English banknotes in an attempt to corrupt Britain's economy throughout the neutral countries of Europe. The attempt did not quite succeed because of the speed of The Allied Forces' advance across Europe. However, Major Von Kauffner with his blonde, his fast sports car and the specially-constructed and extremely

valuable printing plates, disappeared. Eventually, while hiding out in Southern Germany, the Major died and his wife, the Countess (Lyndall Barbour) brought the plates to Paris, where she met a man called Simonoff (Guy Doleman) who owed allegiance to no one but himself.

On the trail of these plates and of the men who plan to use them, we find Commander Brennan (Walter Sullivan), formerly of Naval Intelligence and Scotland Yard's Special Branch, now with Interpol. The Americans are also investigating the Cobweb's activities, because they have heard that one Mike Havana (Owen Ainley), an expert counterfeiter, is being imported by the Cobweb's men so that they can expand their enterprise into the dollar market. Another man involved is the man from whom listeners will hear most—Jeffrey Allison (Lloyd Berrell), who simply was under orders to get a story—and got more than he bargained for.



LLOYD BERRELL, narrator of "The Golden Cobweb," with two other members of the cast

N.Z. OLYMPIC GAMES TEAM

ON September 21 and 22, the Olympic Games Selection Committee meets in Wellington. On September 24 its recommendations will be considered by the Executive of the Olympic and British Empire Games Association; and that night, in a link of YA and YZ stations at 9.30 p.m., the N.Z. Olympic team will be announced.

H. I. Austad, Chairman of the Executive of the Association, told *The Listener* that the size of the team would depend first on the number of nominees graded by the Selection Committee as up to Olympic standard, and secondly, on the final decision of the Executive on September 24. The standard laid down for members of the team, of course, is that they have a reasonable chance either of reaching the finals, or of performing with distinction.

On the subject of the current sensitivity to the question of amateurism, Mr. Austad said that he agreed entirely with the idea of the Olympic amateur declaration.*

"In New Zealand we have always insisted that our amateurs declare their intentions to remain amateurs for a period of at least two years after the Games. The whole spirit of the Olympic Games is amateur, certainly not for the encouragement of professionalism—which is admittedly the position when

people used good Olympic performance to establish themselves in professional sport."

(*Item 34 of the new Olympic rules set up by the International Olympic Committee provides that the following declaration is to be completed by every competitor:—I, the undersigned, declare on my honour that I am and intend to remain an amateur and fulfil the conditions stipulated by the Olympic Rules.)



H. I. AUSTAD

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