# On the Eve of IGY

MONDAY, July 1, is a notable date for scientists all over the globe, for on that day IGY, the biggest international research programme the world has seen, gets under way. New Zealand has been involved in this forty-nation effort since it first took shape some four years ago; the entire cost of the New Zealand programme, some £70 000, being provided by the Government. The bulk of this finance is for work in the Antarctic, the rest for intensified research in New Zealand itself and the Pacific Islands.

To mark the start of IGY, the NZBS is to present a special programme, to be broadcast on Sunday, June 30, at 8.45 p.m. Speaking in it will be the Minister of Scientific and Industrial Research, Hon. R. M. Algie (above), who will summarise the Government's part in the enterprise, and send greetings and good wishes to the scientists. He will be followed by Dr E. I. Robertson, Chairman of the IGY Inter-Departmental Committee, and the NZBS also hopes to be able to include in the programme messages from Scott Base and Cape Adare in the Antarctic, and from other IGY stations where New Zealanders are working.

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## FAMOUS LAST STRAWS

*WHICH country earns the title*
*Of the workers' paradise?*
*The Kremlin says conditions*
*In Siberia are nice.*
*New Zealand has its hair-do's,*
*Cups of tea and other perks;*
*In Britain they've committees*
*Which as good as run the works.*
*The staff of any big concern*
*Throughout the U.S.A.*
*Are not surprised when bonuses*
*Are added to their pay.*
*But I will take my hat off, comrades,*
*To the first regime*
*Which comes up with a tramway workers'*
*Profit-sharing scheme*

—R.G.P.

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Marterie and his Orchestra (Mercury MG 20-124) had much more zest. But it needed pianist Teddy Wilson with *Piano Pastries* (Mercury MG 25172) to pull the party together. Teddy Wilson's jazz pianism doesn't run to much in the way of originality, but it has a pleasant spontaneity which makes it attractive.

If you should wish to whoop the party up a bit, there's *Square Dances* with caller Eddie Carol—and how-to-do-it leaflet (Spotlight SV 23).