

Fine TV Job by New Zealander

"AN almost impeccable job" is the judgment of the *Sunday Times* television commentator on the BBC serialisation of *Nicholas Nickleby*, which is directed by Eric Taylor, of Auckland. He did radio and Rep. work at home before war service in Italy, and came to London on a Rehabilitation Department bursary. His two years at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art were the vintage years of Dorothy Tutin, John Neville, and Paul Daneman.

While still at R.A.D.A., Eric Taylor had engagements with BBC television, but before joining them he acted and produced at Nottingham and the Bristol Old Vic. For the past two years he has been production assistant with the team which serialised *David Copperfield*, as well as making other television programmes.

Among more than 70 players with speaking parts is Fay Squeers. The producer, incidentally, is one of the few Dickens fans who can claim to have read *Nicholas Nickleby* in the Arctic by the light of the midnight sun. It was while on holiday there that he planned the 10 parts of the serial.

—J. W. GOODWIN (London)

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bring your eyes back to the earth for which its resources are intended." To be fully useful Sputnik II must return to the earth. Finding his text in the story of the ascension of Christ before the wondering gaze of the disciples, Mr Gordon reminded listeners that the Angel of the Lord had counselled the disciples to remember the tasks still to be done. Acknowledging the scientific wonders in our sky and accepting the thrilled surprise of his fellow citizens, so preoccupied with outer space, Mr Gordon foresaw danger ahead as our moral and spiritual progress lagged further and further behind our scientific achievements and men turned more and more to the stars to escape facing the enemies of human happiness that still beset the world below. This seemed to me a model of what a radio sermon should be, simple and unforced, striking a cautionary note that rang true, and relating the lesson for the day to the topic of the moment.

—N.L.M.

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