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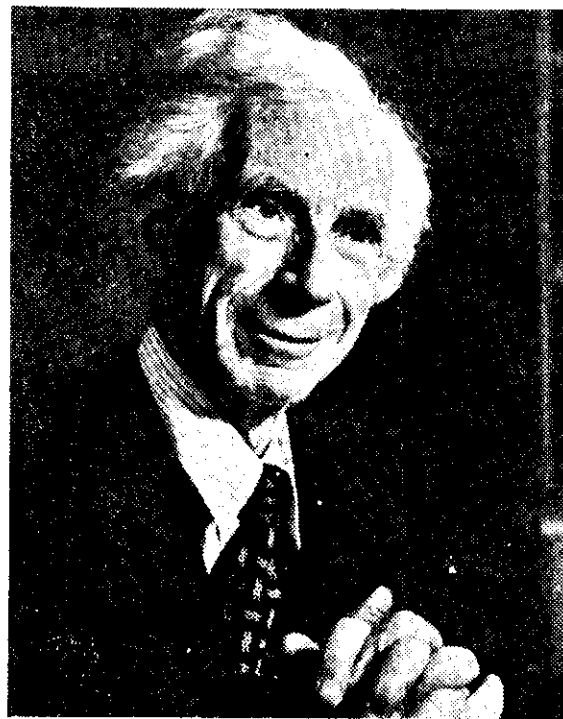
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LIVING IN THE ATOMIC AGE

"MANY people at the present day allow themselves a mood of gloom which, to my mind, is not justifiable," said Bertrand Russell in a foreword to six talks which he recently gave in the BBC Home Service. "It is true that there are present difficulties and impending dangers, but the difficulties are endurable, and I believe the dangers to be surmountable. I wish in these broadcasts to make an entirely truthful estimate of all the causes of gloom, but nevertheless to hold that there has never in the past history of man been better ground for cheerfulness than there is at present."

Recordings of these talks, *Living in an Atomic Age*, have now been received by the NZBS, and they will be broadcast from all YA and YZ stations on Sundays at 8.45 p.m., and on Wednesdays at 9.15 p.m., starting on Sunday, July 29.

Lord Russell said in his foreword that with every day that passed there was better hope that a third world war would be averted; before long the West would be so strong as to be obviously invincible. The time was therefore at hand when we need no longer be hypnotised by the Eastern terror, but could allow ourselves to think of the happier possibilities that modern skill had created. If we were to think and feel rightly in the new world of science and machines, we must learn to fix our thoughts rather on man than on this or that section of the human race. Unification, political and economic, had been made more possible and necessary by modern technique. There was no longer any need for poverty—scarcity was due to human folly. But if there was to be abundance throughout the world we must learn to regard other people in a



BERTRAND RUSSELL

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friendly manner, not as rivals or enemies.

"I do not think that our relations with our fellow men can be satisfactory while our relations with ourselves are full of pain and uncertainty and self-disgust," Lord Russell continued. "Harmony with other men is only possible as a reflection of harmony within. Harmony within reflects a freely creative existence, an existence in which men's feelings are expansive rather than restrictive, in which they are concerned more with what they hope they may

achieve than with what they fear they may find themselves doing."

Lord Russell believes that irrational fear is "the chief cause of hatred between man and man, and between one group of men and another. I see in my mind's eye a company of fearless and happy human beings, feeling kindly towards others because they are fearless and happy, and able to overcome obstacles which to men of a different outlook would be insuperable. I see a company of such human beings rapidly winning others to their way of life, and making the world aware that the old psychology of sin and restriction and hatred and competition is unsuited to the modern world, in which, if it persists, it will prove far more disastrous than at any earlier period."

"The world in which we are living is at a crisis. Hope and fear alike will bring about their own realisation. If fear continues to predominate, the end can only be disaster. But if men can learn to hope, not only in their conscious thoughts, but in their deepest feelings, their hope will be justified. Human skill has reached a point where the human race can be happy if it chooses to be so. What we suffer, we suffer owing to our folly. But if we can open our hearts and minds to hope, the world can quickly become a world full of joy."

DX NOTES

WITH the approach of spring, listeners for long-distance stations on the broadcast band are looking forward to the "North American season." Though they can be heard throughout the year, American broadcasters are received best during New Zealand's summer. At that time—winter in North America—stations there begin the day's transmission in darkness, which gives signals a good start on their path across the Pacific. Through the night, Americans are heard in New Zealand with the minimum of interference from near-by stations.

Nearest American stations to New Zealand are in the Hawaiian Islands, which have the same system of broadcasting as the United States. Several of these stations are being heard at good strength at present. Probably the most consistent is KOHN (1380 kilocycles) Honolulu, which operates 24 hours a day. In the early evenings here it runs typical late-night disc-jockey shows (at 8.0 p.m. in New Zealand, it is 10.0 p.m. in Hawaii). Other Hawaiians heard at this time are KGMB (590 kilocycles) and KPOA (630 kilocycles), both in Honolulu. Several others can

be heard at the best time for Hawaiian reception around 4.0 a.m.

DX Session

THE New Zealand Radio DX League's DX session from 4XD (1430 kilocycles) Dunedin is now broadcast on Wednesdays at 8.45 p.m. instead of on Thursdays.

Vera Lynn Show

REMEMBER Vera Lynn, Britain's "Force's Sweetheart" of World War II? She co-stars with the orchestra of Roberto Inglez in a half-hour feature, which is heard from 3UZ (930 kilocycles), Melbourne, on Wednesdays at 10.30 p.m. (N.Z. time).

Most Powerful Stations

THE highest-powered radio stations in the world, two 1,000,000 watt long-wavers, are being built for the Voice of America. Their location will be revealed when the stations are completed. The biggest concentration of long-wave stations now is at Tangier, North Africa, where units total 650,000 watts. The one-megawatt transmitters will have unprecedented coverage.

Around the World

Greece: Athens Radio, which has seldom before been heard at good strength, is being received in a transmission to North America on 11715 kilocycles (25-

metre band). News in English is broadcast at 1.30 p.m.

Indonesia: The English transmission from Jakarta, from 7.0 to 8.0 a.m. daily, intended for Europe and New Zealand, has been received on a new frequency, 11770 kilocycles (25-metre band). Call-sign is YDF7. YDC (15150 kilocycles in the 19-metre band) relays the broadcast.

Argentina: LRA, Buenos Aires, of the Argentine International Broadcasting Service, is being heard particularly well in New Zealand on a transmission for reception in Europe on 17720 kilocycles (16-metre band). Programme is in English until 8.30 a.m., and then in Swedish until the sign-off at 9.30.

Mozambique: Lourenço Marques Radio, which transmits commercial programmes to South Africa, is being received on its morning schedule from 4.0 p.m. daily on 11765 kilocycles (25-metre band). This station, Brazzaville (French Equatorial Africa), and Leopoldville (Belgian Congo), have the most consistent signals from Africa.

Japan: Commercial radio will start in Japan this autumn. Two commercial stations will operate in Tokyo and one each in other cities. The new radio set-up will end the monopoly held by the Broadcasting Corporation of Japan since 1925.

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