BAN ON BROADCAST OF REPORTS FROM ULM

"Uncle Scrim's" Dispute With P. and T. Dept.

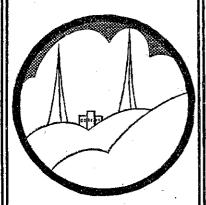
Considerable publicity was given last week to the statement by the Rev. C. G. Scrimgeour, director of the Friendly Road station 1ZB, Auckland, that the Post and Telegraph had refused to allow him to broadcast to 1ZB listeners reports received from Mr. C. T. P. Ulm while making his trans-Pacific flight.

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Post and Telegraph official when commenting on a statement that the department had refused permission for the broadcasting of progress reports of Mr. Ulm's Pacific flight. "What the Rev. C. G. Scrimgeour wanted." he added, was to receive them from amateurs, which is contrary to the radio regulations.

"There was no objection to 1ZB transmitting them," he said, "provided they got them in the regular manner, as the Broadcasting Board has done in connection with all other similar flights. The board paid the department for the messages received and the cost of telegraphing them to the various radio stations.

"Mr. Seringeour was advised on November 29 that his arrangements were irregular. As a result of his statement that the broadcast was banned,

he was informed to-day that a message had been received from Wellington stating that the department would, upon payment of a fee of £5, receive messages from Mr. Ulm's aeroplane and hand them on to the Friendly Road. Mr. Scrimgeour refused the offer."

When the matter was referred to Mr. Scrimgeour, he said: "We asked them if there was any way of getting over the difficulty of the ban, and they said, 'No, it will be banned in any case.' The

whole of the facts were placed before the Postmaster-General, who wired his reply that the regulations would not permit of the broadcast. Never at any time was there any suggestion to us that we could get the messages by paying for them.

"It was not until after Mr. Ulm had left that we received this offer from the department. We refused because our arrangements had been upset and we could not accept a last-minute proposal."





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