

Radio Round The World

THE Panchen Lama, one of the two Supreme Lamas who rarely leave Tibet, went recently to Shanghai, where they were waiting for him outside the Town Hall with a microphone and loudspeakers, through which he addressed the crowd in Chinese and gave the Buddhist benediction.

ONE of the State-owned lines in Gdynia has offered a free passage to the Holy Land as a prize for a photographic competition to be conducted by the Warsaw station. The competition is for the best photograph taken during a sea voyage of life on board or in port. The prize tour is through Roumania and Turkey to Palestine, and is worth about £30 first class. The idea is to "awaken Polish interest in national sea transport."

AMERICAN newspaper reporters followed the U.S.A. National Amateur Golf Championship with ultra-shortwave transmitters strapped to their backs. The ultra-shortwave transmissions were received at the club-house and wired to the papers.

THE N.B.C., whose headquarters are Radio City, New York, tell visitors to this place who are surprised at the large number of studios that for every hour's programme there must be 18 hours of rehearsal. So the opposition firm, Columbia Broadcasters, ar-

anged an "eavesdropping programme," in which listeners were taken to various programmes in rehearsal at the Columbia studios, and which were to be heard later in the day. There was a big response from listeners by letter, expressing surprise that rehearsals which seemed so hopeless should so quickly become smooth programmes so soon after. The listeners seemed so interested that more such "eavesdropping" programmes have been arranged.

THE London School of Broadcasting has been begun in Bond Street, with studios equipped to give the atmosphere of Broadcasting House and a recording system which enables anyone going through a voice test to hear her mistakes a minute or so after she has made them.

THE German Deutschlander station recently put over a recorded play which took two days to make and lasted half an hour. The play was recorded in the forest near Berlin, entirely acted in the open air; then the records were assembled and put over. The experiment was considered quite successful.

FATHER PHILIPPE SOCCORSI, the new Director of the Vatican City Broadcasting Station, was born at

Rome in 1890. He took his degree at the Rome University in 1921 and entered Holy Orders in 1922. He is a distinguished scientist and has published various treatises. His last appointment was of Professor of Science at the Jesuit Academy at Piedmont.

IT is expected that an English broadcasting official will be given a five-year contract to act as radio adviser to the Indian Government, which has instituted a plan for broadcasting development in India, sponsored by the Viceroy, the Earl of Willingdon. It is hoped to put up a new station at Delhi, and then various provincial stations, all of which will broadcast mainly in local languages.

THE Budapest broadcasting stations have scarcely put on a record since August 26; they had an agreement with the gramophone companies whereby they could put on 40 hours a week of recordings, without extra payment, but subject to announcements before broadcasts and notes and serial numbers of records in printed programmes. In July, the broadcasters proposed to raise the hours a week to 60, on account of a new transmitter, whereupon the gramophone companies demanded a new agreement which would entail the payment of fees at the rate of about £1220 a month. The company applied to the courts to test the legality of the demand.

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