

# Letters from Listeners

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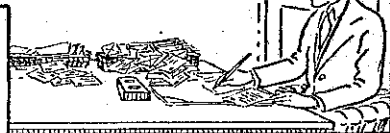
## Wrong Attitude to Mistakes By Announcer?

To the Editor

Sir,—In your issue of March 22, a correspondent signing himself H.P. draws attention to a grammatical error made by one IYA announcer. I should say that if he feels so strongly on this matter as he implies, it would be far kinder, and more courteous, to write privately to

Mr. Calford Bell, rather than try and belittle a man in such a prominent position. It can hardly be expected that such remarks would be treated in any other way than ignoring them. At any rate, the error is a very common one, and if your correspondent's grammar be so perfect, he would be much happier to pass by what evidently offends him and to follow the golden rule, "Do to others as you would have them do to you."

I am not a friend of Mr. Bell's, and



I am not known to him; but I cannot tolerate injustice, and feel it is not "playing the game" to try and lower the status of any man (or woman), and particularly of one who occupies such a position.—I am, etc.,

B.Y.

Auckland.

## Listener Objects to Americanising

To the Editor

Sir,—Where is the Americanising tendency going to stop? The latest instance is that of a YA announcer who recently gave us a number by "Ed. Branscombe and his Westminster Glee Singers." I suppose that before long we shall have Al. Tennyson and Rudy Kipling.—I am, etc.,

BRITANNICA.

Auckland.

## Hints to "Angel Face" and Other Deaf People

To the Editor

Sir,—In last week's "Radio Record" there was a letter from "Angel Face" in which he says he plugs his ear to the radio front to get an ear full. I would like to tell "Angel Face" that he can have his radio fixed up with a set of headphones and a volume control. He can then tune in to his heart's delight, as loud as he likes, and as soft as he likes. In no way does this interfere with the enjoyment of others who have good hearing. This can be done to any make of radio and at not too great a cost. Any deaf person wishing to know cost and the make of headphones they require can obtain my address from Editor of "Radio Record." I also say long live the radio; it has been a veritable godsend to me, and I have no complaints.—I am, etc.,

ANOTHER ANGEL FACE

Feilding.

## The "Fetish of 8 p.m." Out of Favour

To the Editor

Sir,—I have no fault to find with our announcers, they are as good as any I listen to, and a lot better than many, but they are so hedged in with rules and regulations that they become automatic. I am advocating more freedom for announcers, and particularly during the breakfast session. One of the first duties of the radio is to spread the news of the day and what a great opportunity there is during the breakfast session. I don't want an announcer to stand for half an hour reading off the news, but in a chatty style to give the highlights of the day's news between records. Never mind what the newspapers have to say. They put the town crier out of business, and the Broadcasting Board should have a world news service of their own.

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