# On Loan To The Country From From Which He First Came

REGARDED as one of Australia's ace announcers, is Mr. Jack Davey, who arrived in New Zealand this week under engagement to the Commercial Broadcasting Service, as the result of a special arrangement for the exchanging, for short periods, of high-grade announcers with Station 2GB, Sydney.

New Zealander, and son of Commander A. H. Davey, of the Awatea, he left New Zealand six years ago on his father's ship with the intention of remaining in Sydney for about ten days,

en route to America.

An audition at 2GB altered all this, however, and he has remained in Australia and in radio ever since.

His first contract was a singing one for three nights weekly, after which he was appointed to the staff of the ABC in the double capacity of announcer and singer.

He held this post for 18 months, during which he was probably the only anouncer under engagement to the ABC, and a commercial station at the same time. Owing to his increasingly

heavy commitments with 2GB, he was compelled to relinquish his association with the ABC in order to sign a longterm contract with 2GB.

In this capacity, he has become one of the most popular radio personalities in Australia, where his name is as wellknown as that of Robert Taylor and Clark Gable.

He will be absent from Sydney for about three weeks. In the Dominion he will be featured in a number of

ambitious programmes.

This keen showmanship idea is the culmination of a special arrangement between the two organisations. It is the first time on record that a Government controlled broadcasting company has entered into an agreement with a private commercial broadcasting organisation.

In the selection of Jack Davey it is said the New Zealand network has one of the most popular and widely-known radio personalities in Australia.

The New Zealand network is reciprocating by sending to 2GB Otene Paora, topline announcer and singer of 1ZB, Auckland.

## Radio Spins Its Web

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IN just the same way as the Post Office radio looks after the ships at sea, it looks after the safety of the new ships of the air.

The past two years has been a period of mushroom growth of the New Zealand commercial air services. And as each plane wings its way up and down and across New Zealand its progress is followed by the special air radio ser-

There are now special Post Office radio stations at Mangere (Auckland), Bell Block (New Plymouth), Milson (Palmerston North), Wellington, Blenheim, Nelson, Greymouth, Hokitika. Jackson's Bay, Christchurch and Tai-eri (Dunedin), and installations are now being made at Gisborne and Nap-

In each of these stations highly trained operators keep in regular contact with each commercial plane, either by radio telephony or radio telegraphy, as it flies through the air.

At the same time, each station keeps in touch with the next aerodrome on the plane's route for the exchange of "departure-and-arrival" information and meteorological data.

Each station is ready to provide aids to aerial navigation and landing aids in thick weather.

AT the present time the Post Office is making plans for the installation of direction-finding equipment and approach beacons at all aerodromes in New Zealand.

The air radio man, too, keeps his log book. He writes down all the information that he finds in the air. He

Afe quad 8.15 Jones and Jones 3 Nu 3 Pm, 4 Wn, vac 1 Nu Pm, 5 Pm Who, which means that plane AFE left at 8.15 with Jones and Jones as pilots with three passengers for New Plymouth, 3 for Palmerston North and four for Wellington, and vacancies for one passenger from New Plymouth to Palmerston North, and for 5 passengers from Palmerston North to Wellington.

It is as fascinating as it is simple, this terse dialect of the air.
All this expansion of the air has

meant heavy pressure on the resources of the radio engineering staff of the Post Office. In the last two years, the radio department has had to supply 25 highly trained operators for the air radio stations.

The men chosen have to be first-class operators, temperamentally suited to the work, with a special knowledge of the operation and adjustment of their equipment.

The operator may have three planes in the air above him at the same moment, he may have to switch on his approach beam wet weather, give a bearing, ring the aerodrome office and keep his point to point ground contacts.

And the early establishment of trans-Tasman and trans-Pacific air services is going to make further exacting demands on the Post Office radio engineers.

That small dingy building may be an ugly duckling to look at, but there is a golden note in its voice to the airmen and the men of the sea.

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