

NO DRUG

ON THE AIR MARKET

THERE are some amazingly versatile men among the commercial service's 50 odd announcers, and one of them is John Bremner, of the Cathedral City's station 3ZB. To begin with, the crisp-voiced John was a fully-qualified chemist with all the trimmings before joinings 3ZB. That was not the reason for his appointment, but it has brought a novel session to the station.

Mr. Bremner's home town is Dunedin where, during the taking of his chemistry degrees, he was closely associated with 4ZW. This was in the triple role of announcer, programme assistant and co-secretary and treasurer of the 4ZW Radio Club. Like nearly every one of the Commercial Service's pleasant voiced southern announcers, he was a prominent member of the Dunedin Repertory Society for several years.

Most people have come, with good reason, to have a high regard for New Zealand trained chemists, and believe the main difference between a chemist and a doctor is that the chemist does not perform operations.

Mr. Bremner puts his special knowledge of these things over the air for the benefit of listeners or, as he puts it to the "Record," as "a bit of extra service."

Radio Round the World

THERE were over 1300 applicants for a recent vacancy for a broadcast announcer in South Africa. There were several candidates over 50 years of age, one being 71.

IN addition to talks in the chief European languages, Arabic, and Hindustani, Italian stations are now broadcasting in Serbian, Greek, Turkish, Rumanian, Albanian, Chinese and Japanese.

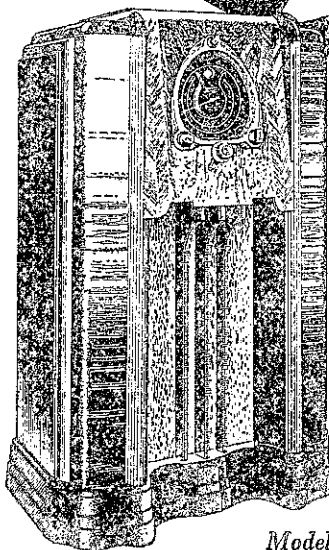
EDUCATIONAL broadcasts were begun three years ago in Finland, these being made possible by the generosity of nearly three thousand enthusiastic pedagogues, who presented their home receivers to the schools. These sets are now on their last legs, but the Government has come to the rescue by agreeing to defray two-thirds of the cost of supplying new and up-to-date receiving equipment.

ILLEGAL transmitting stations—what the Germans call "black" broadcasting stations—are so unpopular with the German Government that a law has been passed whereby anybody who is found to own a clandestine station is liable to penal servitude. This is the penalty merely for having a station which is not licensed; if the too enthusiastic broadcaster has been unwise enough to send out any programme which is considered hostile to the Government he is in far worse case, for he may then be charged with high treason, liable to the death penalty by beheading.

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