

## Obituary

### Mr. Hamiora Hakopa

RADIO listeners throughout New Zealand will regret to hear of the death of Mr. Hamiora Hakopa, the Maori announcer who took a leading part in the presentation of the Radio Pageant of the Maori Race at 2YA in 1928 and 1929. He was a well-educated native and, as listeners know, he spoke splendid English. His description of the various phases of the pageant contributed materially to the success which attended each broadcast.

When news of Mr. Hakopa's death, which was due to pneumonia, was received by 2YA appropriate reference was made by the announcer. His death came as a great shock to the members of the Wanganui Maori Party, in whom the spirit of camaraderie is particularly strong.

### Broadcasting Penetrates Into Cave

SNUGLY lodged in the deep recesses of the Mammoth Cave, in Kentucky, with a superheterodyne receiver and loop antenna set up beside them and seventy-five feet of sandstone rock above their heads, two graduates of the McGill University, Montreal, Canada, recently listened-in on radio programmes from American stations. They were experimenting to find to what extent radio waves will penetrate rock. With a 300-foot aerial, coupled to the loop of the set, the programme was distinguishable through 300 feet of rock.

Similar experiments previously had been conducted in the Mount Royal Tunnel at Montreal. In both the cave and the tunnel it was found that high-frequency stations could not be tuned in, but that low-frequency stations came in loudly. The reception was hardly as strong as that in the open air, however.

## Maori Pageant Recalled



The late Mr. Hamiora Hakopa in Native dress.

## Via Alaska!

### An Interesting Incident

SOME New Zealanders in New York were recently greatly interested to receive in an envelope bearing an Alaskan postmark some New Zealand racing news. It happened that a radio listener in Alaska, which is in the region of the Arctic Circle, listening in to 2YA one night heard the results of certain New Zealand horse races. Having met some New Zealanders and knowing their New York address the idea occurred to him to send them the results by way of a joke.

The man in Alaska heard the 2YA announcer almost instantaneously; his letter to New York took nine days! This incident is related in a letter received by the last American mail.

### Church Broadcasting in U.S.A.

#### Forty Million Listeners

THE radio religious services in U.S.A. are broadcast through a network of stations to a congregation estimated to number some forty million persons. Three services are given each week. Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, who remains the most popular radio preacher in the United States, will conduct one series of services, Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick another, and Mr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the General Synod of the Reformed Church, is in charge of more informal services designed specially to appeal to younger people.

The aim with all the services is that they shall interest particularly people who are not confirmed church-goers, and shall avoid anything savouring of sectarianism. It is claimed by the organisers of these national religious services that by avoiding narrow doctrinal differences and concentrating upon the essentials of the Christian faith, they advance the cause of church unity and at the same time improve the standards of local church services.



Photograph of the performers in the recent Maori Pageant which was broadcast from 2YA. The late Mr. Hakopa is seen second from the left.