

Speech by the King**To be Broadcast in New Zealand**

THE general manager of the Radio Broadcasting Company, who has been in communication with the British Broadcasting Corporation regarding the speech which is to be made by the King on January 21, states that all the New Zealand stations will endeavour to pick up and re-broadcast the short wave transmission from 5SW. New Zealand listeners will thus be able, if atmospheric conditions permit, to hear the voice of His Majesty the King in the first broadcast speech which he has made since his serious illness. The speech will be made at the opening of the international conference on naval disarmament in the Royal Gallery of the House of Lords. It is to be broadcast by means of relay lines throughout Britain and the Continent, and by short wave transmission throughout the rest of the world. His Majesty will speak at 11 p.m., New Zealand time.

Sir Charles Fergusson**Civic Farewell on February 6**

THE civic farewell which is to be tendered to the departing Governor-General, Sir Charles Fergusson, on Thursday, February 6, will be broadcast. The speakers will include the Chief Justice (Sir Michael Myers), the representative of the Prime Minister, Mr. G. Troup (Mayor of Wellington), and His Excellency.

Picture Telegraphy**Service Between Britain and Germany**

THE new service of picture telegraphy between Britain and German opened on January 7 with an exchange of photographs and friendly greetings between the Postmaster-General and the German Minister of Post and Telegraphs. A picture and handwriting were excellently reproduced at the Central Telegraph Office. The transmission took 20 minutes, and from 3 o'clock, when the service was opened to the public, the instruments were kept busy.

The Post Office is looking to the newspapers to provide most of the business in this new field at first but it is stated that it may be used for transmitting cheques and legal documents with signatures in facsimile, and almost any drawing, photographs, printing or writing which is urgently required.

2YA Sporting Services**Saturday Summary under Review**

OUR mail this week has been heavy with complaints relative to the curtailment of the sports service from 2YA. For over a year this station has been putting on the air results of sports meetings of all descriptions as they have come to hand. The organisation necessary to collect and summarise all this news has been a credit to the management of the station, and it has been fully appreciated by listeners, as proved by numerous letters.

Now, believing the music sessions should not be interrupted, the company make the following times for sports announcements:—

1. Announcements of results to hand at 3.30 and 4.30.

2. Resume during the news session.

3. Announcements of results of events of national importance at 9 p.m.

Under the plan that has been operating recently, the resume that was formerly given at 10.45 on Saturday evening has been dropped. We understand, however, from communication with the Broadcasting Company that the question of reinstating this service either at 10.45 or at 11 p.m. is under review, and we are hopeful that a favourable outcome will be the result.

Space will not allow of our running all the letters in full, but the major points raised are:

1. Sporting results are more important than continuous dance music.

2. The service from 2YA has been something the company can feel proud about.

3. Results are wanted quickly.

4. Most listeners are out of doors at 7 p.m.

5. Many listeners on holiday have purchased portable sets to get results as they come to hand, and have been keenly disappointed.

6. The results of Saturday night's sport cannot be obtained till Monday.

7. Dissatisfaction is general.

8. Many threaten not to renew their licenses.

Some Views Expressed.

WE have greatly missed the sporting results during the afternoon sessions from 2YA. The announcing of the results of sporting events was looked forward to, as it used to be a break from the continual music. The abolition of the sporting summary and racing results during the afternoon is an ill-advised action.—A Lady Listener (Wellington).

THE views expressed by your correspondents in this week's "Radio Record" concerning the latest action of the Broadcasting Company, re the sporting sessions from 2YA are fully endorsed by several listeners in these parts. The opinion of the station manager that listeners would prefer dance music to the sporting summary is open to question. How many listeners arrange evenings depending upon 2YA for their dance music? Very few, the old gramophone is hard at it long before dance music is put over the air. The sporting service from 2YA has now been in operation about 12 months, and

during that time I have rarely missed listening to the sporting news, and I can honestly state, the service was one of which the Broadcasting Company should have been justly proud. It took the officials nearly twelve months to find out that the majority of listeners preferred dance music; I hope it will not taken twelve days for them to learn we want this service maintained, otherwise there will be sorrows in the listeners' camp.—C. H. Robinson (Wanganui East).

THE action of the Broadcasting Company in suspending the sporting service from 2YA is creating dissatisfaction from many listeners. Although several correspondents have aired their grievances in the current issue of the "Radio Record," the officials of the company have made no statement of their intentions. Listeners are justly entitled to learn the reasons advanced for the suspension of such a popular session. Candidly, I am often fed-up with some of the programmes submitted, and it is only the sporting items that have any great appeal to me. The average male listener (and plenty of the feminine sex) are interested in some class of sport, and this is where 2YA rendered a very efficient service. There is certainly a hefty growl coming from sporting listeners, and it is up to the company now to make some statement; so that we will know what to do in March next.—One of the Sports (Wellington).

Decidedly Unpopular.

2YA was decidedly unpopular during the holidays for not giving us our sporting results during the afternoon sessions. It used to be the practice of my wife to take down the results of sporting events, then telephone them to me, and I used to be the official broadcaster of the latest up-to-the-minute results to many who called on business. The argument that listeners prefer the dance music is doubtful. Generally three or even four songs are included in the dance session on Saturday evenings, and there are twelve or fifteen minutes which can be devoted to the sporting summary, and we still have our dance session. I think the majority of listeners possess gramophones, and they do not depend on wireless for their parties.—Little Eric of Berhampore.

SIR.—The action of the Broadcasting Company in ceasing the sports service from 2YA is a drastic step, the result of which will be apparent in March next. All whom I know are more or less interested in sport, and unless something is done to rectify matters pretty quickly the company will earn an unpopularity from which it will not rapidly recover. In fairness to 2YA I must say their attention to telephone calls has been excellent. They have been a veritable information bureau, though it must be very taxing to answer so many calls and

Staff Resignation**Aunt Gwen to Leave for Sydney**

MISS Gwen Shepherd, who has for the past two years been organiser of the Children's Sessions at 2YA, is shortly leaving New Zealand in order to settle in Sydney. She is to be married in Wellington on Wednesday, January 29, to Mr. Bruce O. Stennett, and the service will take place in St. Paul's Cathedral.

Many thousands of listeners, adults as well as juveniles, will miss Aunt Gwen's cheerful voice on the air from 2YA, where she has conducted the children's sessions with conspicuous success. She will be the recipient of the best wishes of a very wide broadcast circle of friends.

Mrs. Dorothy Evans will succeed Aunt Gwen at 2YA, and will be known as Aunt Molly.

Wellington Harbour

THERE will be an interesting broadcast by 2YA on Tuesday afternoon, January 28, when the jubilee celebrations in connection with the harbour will be described. The celebrations will be centred on Somes Island.

withstand so many rebukes, for I cannot imagine anything but that happening. I have had to wait as long as ten minutes to get 2YA on Saturday night—engaged probably by irate listeners. How much easier to put over the results as they come to hand and again at 10.45. This, I feel, is the wish of the majority, especially as in last week's "Record" I saw several letters condemning the practice, but none applauding it. No fewer than five friends have told me they do not intend to renew their licenses if this state of affairs continues. These are owners of crystal and small sets, but they are as much worth 30 bob as the bigger sets, which cannot be scrapped so easily. The company has but two months to decide.—Yours, etc. Knight of the Catwhisker (Khandallah).

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