

deed to the citizens of New Zealand that Admiral Byrd had brought back from the ice every member of his party. They endured great hardship, and had achieved all that they had set out to do. On behalf of the people of New Zealand, he congratulated Admiral Byrd on his achievement.

"Admiral Byrd," continued Mr. Tapley, "if he had time, would like to visit every part of New Zealand, before going home, but that, of course, is impossible. He hopes he may be privileged some day later to return to New Zealand and visit the different centres. Listeners will feel that Admiral Byrd is to be congratulated most heartily on his great achievement, and the people of New Zealand will be glad in the knowledge that all the party are well, though looking somewhat thin owing to the food conditions. The Admiral, though somewhat tired, is looking well and is grateful to you for listening to him, and is pleased to have the opportunity of talking. I will try to get him to say a few words to you."

Admiral Byrd was then introduced to listeners.

"People of New Zealand," said he, "I am all taken by surprise. I was not on the programme that I should give a speech. I came down to talk to New York. But I want to congratulate most heartily this station on the wonderful thing they have done in making a world's record in communication. I appreciate the chance of speaking because the invitation came from my friend, Mr. Tapley, our representative in New Zealand.

"My own people could not have done better, or have worked more efficiently than he has done, and I must say he has treated us very well. When we came to New Zealand we did not anticipate receiving so much kindness from any people, and naturally my shipmates and myself find it impossible to express adequately our appreciation."

The New Zealand Government and the people of New Zealand, continued the Admiral, had contributed to the success of the expedition. He would say to the listeners in Australia that the present expedition of Sir Douglas Mawson, who was a very great man and a great explorer, would bring great results and would benefit Australia and the world as a whole.

"I have the honour of calling him my friend," said Admiral Byrd. "It is the same with Sir Hubert Wilkins."

"We carried the flag of New Zealand on our Polar flight," said the Admiral, "and flew the New Zealand flag when we sailed up the Otago harbour. Once every year when the expedition meets in New York we are going to fly the flag as a mark of appreciation for New Zealand's wonderful hospitality. Good night."

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"STORIES AND SONGS FROM OPERAS"

Fine Programme arranged for 3YA

A SPECIAL programme is to be presented on Wednesday evening, March 26, at 3YA, by Mr. W. H. Dixon, professor of singing, when he will describe the operas "Faust," "Carmen," and "Tannhauser." Mr. Dixon will be well remembered by 3YA listeners for the manner in which he described various operas, notably "Rigoletto," "Carmen," "Tristan and Isolde," last year, when gramophone recordings were used for the production of the vocal and instrumental music of the operas. On this occasion he has entitled his programme "Songs and Stories from Operas," and some of the leading vocalists from his studio will assist him in the renditions of the vocal excerpts which will support the descriptive matter by Mr. Dixon. The singers will be Miss Gladys Brooks, Miss G. Eaton, Miss Hilda Hutt, Miss Gladys Ferguson and Mr. R. Laurensen. Selections by the Studio Octet, under Mr. Harold Beck, will intersperse the operatic sections of the programme.

Press Comment.

COMMENTING on the achievement, the Dunedin "Evening Star" states: "The Byrd broadcast is described as epoch-making. Never before, it is claimed, have so many stations been linked together, and never before have America, Australia and New Zealand co-operated so successfully. It was a record-breaking performance for the countries of the Pacific, and one that places New Zealand on the map so far as wireless achievements are concerned.

Officials of the General Electric Company in America stated that reception there was better than it had ever been previously and Rear-Admiral Byrd and his party were equally enthusiastic.

A Christchurch Daily.

THE following telegram was despatched this morning by Mr. A. R. Harris (general manager of the Radio Broadcasting Company) to Mr. G. McNamara (secretary of the Post and Telegraph Department, Wellington):—"Heartiest thanks for your splendid co-operation in making possible last night's successful broadcast of a two-way conversation between Rear-Admiral Byrd and other members of the expedition, speaking from 4YA, Dunedin, through 2YA, Wellington, to friends in America."

Mr. Harris told a reporter this morning that the Dunedin station is not powerful enough to be rebroadcast by Sydney and it was necessary to provide a land line and submarine cable to Wellington to enable the more powerful station in that city to broadcast to Sydney, where voices were picked up and rebroadcast to America. Other lines were also provided by the department from Wellington to Auckland, Wellington to Christchurch, and Christchurch to Dunedin for arranging and checking details, and in case one locality offered better reception than others in respect to short wave signals from 2XAF Schneckady. He also expressed appreciation of the action of Mr. Fisk and his staff, of Amalgamated Wireless, Sydney, in arranging for 2ME, Sydney, to re-broadcast voices from New Zealand.

The work of the Broadcasting Company's staffs in the four centres was greatly appreciated also. Every member of the staffs had worked unsparingly, and it was their enthusiasm that made the unique broadcast the success it was.

Record-making Relays

Recent Great Achievements

IN the recent relays in connection with the Byrd Expedition and the Sarron-Donovan boxing match at New Plymouth, the Broadcasting Company set a record for the total mileage of relay lines used and for the longest relay carried out.

The linking-up of the various stations involved the use of the following lines: Auckland to Wellington . . . 419 miles
Wellington to New Plymouth 234 miles
Wellington to Christchurch 242 miles
Christchurch to Dunedin . . 248 miles

The longest individual relay was between Dunedin and Auckland, a distance of 909 miles. When the boxing match at New Plymouth was relayed to Auckland, the line in use was 653 miles long.

In every instance the Post and Telegraph Department supplied excellent lines, the telegraph engineers going to no end of trouble to ensure as perfect transmission as possible.

W.E.A. Lectures and Discussions

Interesting Series of Broadcasts

COMMENCING on Thursday, March 20, an interesting series of lectures and discussions was inaugurated at 1YA by Dr. I. L. G. Sutherland, Director of the W.E.A.

The discussions are a new departure. In these, two speakers discuss the pros and cons of a question.

The schedule of lectures and discussions is as follows:—

- March 20: W.E.A. Lecturette—Dr. I. L. G. Sutherland, Director W.E.A., "Education on the Air."
- April 10: W.E.A. Lecturette—Professor W. H. Gould, Professor of Education, Victoria College, "The Child in America."
- April 24: W.E.A. Lecturette—Mr. A. D. Monro, M.Sc., Lecturer in Chemistry, Victoria College, "What is Chemical Analysis?"
- May 3: W.E.A. Discussion—Mr. F. G. Maskell, B.A., M.Sc., and Mr. A. E. Campbell, M.A., of Victoria College, "Heredity versus Environment in Human Affairs."
- May 17: W.E.A. Lecturette—Mr. H. G. Miller, M.A., Victoria College, "A Forgotten Humourist."
- May 31: W.E.A. Lecturette—Professor T. A. Hunter, Victoria College, "Training the Emotions of Children."
- June 14: W.E.A. Discussion—Professor W. H. Gould and Mr. F. L. Combs, M.A., "Utility versus Culture in Education."
- June 28: W.E.A. Lecturette—Mr. J. R. Elliott, B.A., Lecturer in Classics, Victoria College, "The Roman Occupation of Britain."
- July 12: W.E.A. Lecturette—Professor B. E. Murphy, Professor of Economics, Victoria College, "The Economics of Fashion."

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