

Admiral Byrd Says "Au Revoir"

Widely-known Producer at 2YA Radio News from All Angles

Farewell Address from 2YA

"I WOULD rather say au revoir to New Zealand than good-bye, for I am looking forward to coming back again," said Rear-Admiral R. E. Byrd in a farewell address broadcast from station 2YA last Friday evening. He sailed for Panama on the Rangitiki the following morning.

"There is one thing I have never sufficiently emphasised, and that is the great debt our expedition owes to the New Zealand contingent who volunteered to get our ships south to us. There was not one of them who did not show himself to be a gentleman. They played the game, and worked as one of us. They were courageous and worked very hard, and contributed greatly to our success, so that both on the high seas and on land New Zealand played a big part in the outcome of our expedition.

"On all sides the hospitality has been of an extraordinary nature, so that our stay here will always be one of the bright spots in our lives. I am making no real statement at this time, only saying that I am sorry indeed to go, and I cannot reiterate too often the everlasting gratitude that we feel towards New Zealand. Whenever in the years to come we have the good fortune to meet up with anyone from New Zealand it will be a red-letter day for us.

"I have accepted these gestures of friendship as signals of goodwill toward the nation under whose flag I have been proud to sail, and I can assure the people of New Zealand that that goodwill is most heartily reciprocated by the people of my country. And I know that my countrymen are most grateful for the wonderful way you have received the members of the expedition. I wish specially to-night to greet the boys and girls, and to give them my best wishes.

"I hope and I feel that New Zealand and the United States will always stand shoulder to shoulder as cousins and friends no matter what crisis may strike the world."

At the conclusion of the Admiral's address, Mr. John Ball, editor-announcer of the Radio Broadcasting Company, called on those assembled in the studio and on all listeners to give three hearty cheers for the gallant explorer. "Igloo," the dog which has shared both honour and adventure with Admiral Byrd at the Poles, barked in joyful concert—we imagine to the chagrin of "Spot," the fox terrier at 2YA, which enjoys such popularity with the children of Radioland.

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Lew James Presents "Give and Take"

WELL-KNOWN to northern and Australian listeners is Mr. Lew James, producer and actor. He is probably the foremost Hebrew comedian that has visited these shores and his appearance before the microphone of 2YA will be welcomed by listeners to the station. Mr. James has had extensive experience in Australia and South Africa; he was the original Abe Potash in "Potash and Perlmutter." He will be assisted by an accomplished actor, Mr. Trevor Spencer.

A short time ago Mr. James produced "Sinbad the Sailor" from 2FC. Sydney—some of the owners of powerful sets might remember the occasion—and on his arrival in New Zealand he produced "Give and Take" from 1YA. The production was a great success and the company, under its able director, was made the recipient of many congratulatory messages.

Listeners to 2YA will be pleased to learn that the management has taken advantage of Mr. James's presence in

the city, with the result that "Give and Take" will be presented at 2YA on May 9. It will occupy the whole of the programme from 8 p.m.

The play was first produced at the 49th Street Theatre, New York, in January, 1923, the entire action of the production taking place in the canning factory of John Bauer, located in a small town in Southern California.

Things were not going too well with the factory, finances were at a low ebb, and the bank had threatened to foreclose. John Bauer's son (a modern product of a university) had formed among the workmen in his father's factory a constitution called "Industrial Democracy." The new regime is not a success, when "out of the blue" comes Thomas Craig, a millionaire, with a scheme for selling the factory's products direct to the public by means of a fleet of vans. He offers to take the whole product of the factory.

The constitution is swept off its feet (Concluded at foot of next column.)



An interesting "snap" taken by Lord Bledisloe on the occasion of Admiral Byrd's visit to Government House. Lady Bledisloe, Admiral Byrd and his dog Igloo are here shown at Government House. The Admiral bade farewell to New Zealand from 2YA last week. Igloo joined in the rousing cheer which followed.

LONG-SUFFERING wireless dealers in Kitchener, Ontario, have risen in self-defence against the habit of free home demonstrations. They are considering charging a fee for the use of receiving sets for "demonstration" purposes, because, they say, they have found people with as many as nine sets in one house, and other cases where, by going the rounds of the city dealers, a family contrives to have a set throughout the winter at no expense to themselves. Huge capital necessary to buy machines enough for "demonstration" purposes and still have a stock on hand, difficulty in selling a bona fide purchaser a new set because of its long use by pretending purchasers, and the danger of spreading disease through the transfer of machines from house to house are points upon which they are basing complaints.

VOLUNTEERING the information that he had failed to obtain a radio license, a Canadian magistrate, at Hamilton, Ontario, after imposing several five-dollar fines on delinquents, instructed an inspector to proceed in his own (the magistrate's) case, and the magistrate registered a conviction against himself and paid five dollars into court. Explaining that he had forgotten to renew his license, Magistrate Burbidge said the present system of collection is all wrong, no notification being given when licenses expire. He offered to wager that he could find over a hundred receiving sets operating without licenses.

THE Berlin police, in conjunction with post office officials, are endeavouring to track down the source of certain mysterious transmissions which take place almost every evening from a plant located within a 20-mile radius of Berlin. The station broadcasts Soviet propaganda in the German language, interspersed with concerts of "Labour Songs" or of works in honour of one of the leaders, among the latter being an "Ode to Lenin," a "Lenin Symphony" and a "Hymn in Honour of Lenin." During each programme the wish is expressed that any remarks with regard to the broadcast should be sent to the "Palace of Labour" at Moscow. The location of the station is complicated by the fact that it appears to change its position almost every night, the transmitter being apparently a portable one.

by this scheme and Bauer rushes off to the country to buy up the whole output of the orchards in California. While he is away, among some papers left by Thomas Craig, a writ of habeas corpus is found, which proves that he has escaped from an asylum. Complications ensue, but, of course, the story is brought to a satisfactory conclusion.

The whole play is full of delightful comedy and no better characters have ever been depicted than the two old friends, one the owner of the factory, John Bauer, and his foreman, Albert Kruger. Mr. Lew James will play the foreman, Albert Kruger, and the part of John Bauer will be in the hands of the well-known English actor, Mr. R. T. Spencer.