

Test Cricketer to Speak to New Zealand Listeners from London

On the morning of Thursday, July 30, New Zealand listeners will be able to tune in to one of the most thrilling broadcasts ever conceived. At 7 a.m., all the YA stations will broadcast a talk between the captain or representative of the New Zealand Cricket Team and an official of the R.B.C., in which the first day's play in the second Test Match will be described. Arrangements have also been completed for similar relays, at the same hour, on the two following mornings. These broadcasts have been made possible by the opening, several days ago, of the radio telephone service between this country and England. The R.B.C. will utilise 15 minutes of this service each morning.

NEW ZEALAND has witnessed many radio dramas. Almost periodically some feat more wonderful than its predecessors is accomplished, and we are now approaching the stage when, what would a few years ago have been regarded as the impossible, is now passed over almost with indifference.

In the radio history of the world New Zealand has played no small part. From our isolated isles the first long-distance short-wave messages were sent and received. We established long-distance records in the reception of overseas stations. Then came the two-way broadcast conversation. We can all remember the test transmission between 2YA and Sydney—how we thrilled to hear our announcer and the Sydney announcer talking as though over the telephone. Surely this was a marvel and a record! But it was not long before this was eclipsed with the Byrd broadcast—when the admiral in Dunedin conversed with his friends and promoters in America, and all New Zealand could hear them.

We have since successfully picked up and re-broadcast short-wave transmissions almost from all points of the world—from England, Holland, America and Australia, but we have not yet spoken to England as we have done to America. But we shall this week, for arrangements have been made whereby 2YA and either the captain, or a

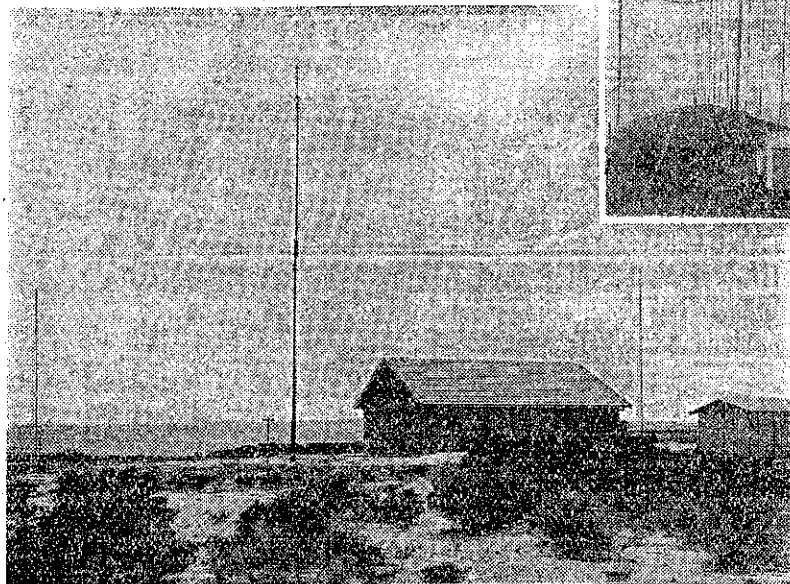
representative of the New Zealand Cricket Team will, at the close of each day's play in the coming Second Test, discuss the match. This conversation will be carried out by the newly-inaugurated commercial Radio Telephone Service between New Zealand and England. From 2YA relay lines will connect up the other YA stations. Broadcasts will take place at 7 o'clock on Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings, these times representing 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in England. Although this time may seem, to

some, a little inconvenient, yet it is the one when success is most likely. Furthermore, it is the most convenient for the cricketers.

Late in the afternoon of Thursday, July 23, the first public call over the New Zealand-Great Britain Telephone Service took place. It was a conversation between the Christchurch "Sun" and the London "Daily Mail," which created a record for long-distance telephone conversations. Dawn was just breaking in the Old Country, and the printing press of the "Daily Mail" had just finished its tremendous run. It was a time when all were thinking of going to their well-earned rest. In New Zealand the "Sun," also a morning paper, was just settling down to the preparation of its early "copy." Both representatives exchanged greetings and each remarked that his paper would have a special story in the morning.

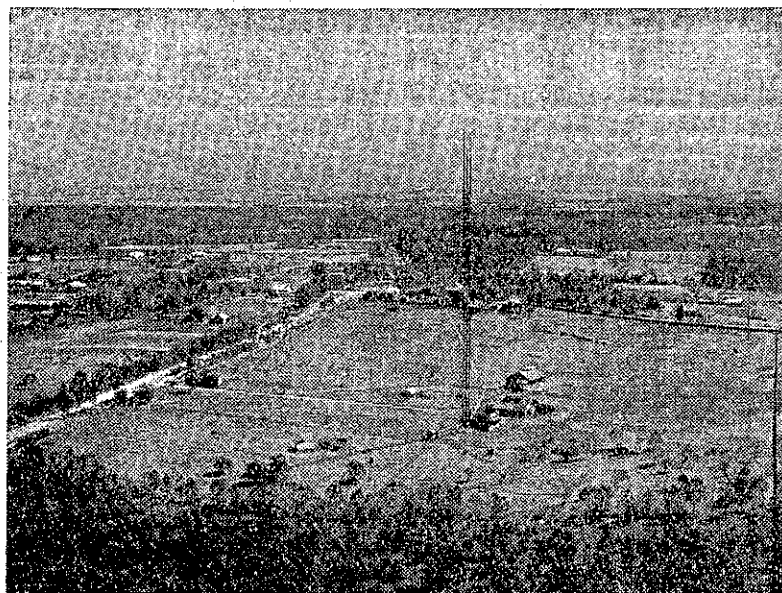
RESPONDING to the invitation of the "Sun" that a special message should be sent to the people of New Zealand, Mr. Bernard Murphy, of the Foreign Department of the "Daily Mail," said: "We hope that this telephone will make the ties that bind the people here and the people in New Zealand much stronger. The people of the Empire are now arm-in-arm, and we hope that it will help both of us to

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Above: The receiving station at Mt. Crawford, Wellington, where the Test broadcasts will be received direct from England.

Left: La Perouse radio station, Sydney, which will pick up the Wellington end of the conversations for Pennant Hills.



An essential link in the Wellington-London radio telephone conversations—the powerful transmitter at Pennant Hills, Sydney, which rebroadcasts ZLW so that it may be heard in England.