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BROADCAST reception is the rich man's pastime in Bulgaria, where the annual receiving license costs about £4. A receiver intended for operating a public loudspeaker is taxed at £20, which perhaps explains why anti-loudspeaker by-laws are unnecessary.

WHEN the ordinary Russian listener has retired for the night the Moscow stations now transmit a special service for the benefit of country newspapers. Reporters take down the news from rapid dictation, and next morning the local "rags" feature the same stories of crime, politics, passion and market activity as the journals of the metropolis. In Russia the problem of broadcast competition with the Press does not exist.

CHINESE railway stations, the favourite rendezvous of the population in their leisure hours, are to be the venue of a great loudspeaker campaign to urge the benefits of broadcasting. The province of Chekiang has gone so far as to organise a Five Year Radio Plan, with the object of establishing a broadcasting system on a sound basis.

"ONE cannot live now without radio," said the Dowager Queen Marie of Roumania in a recent interview. "When you have a good apparatus," added her Majesty, "you need not take any of the great express trains to find out what is going on in the world." The Queen spends many hours listening to programmes, not only from Bucharest but from Britain and France. She is especially fond of the transmissions from London.

ON October 12 Senatore Marconi will repeat his famous relay experiment of two years ago when, by means of a short-wave signal from his yacht Elettra he lighted the electric lamps at an Australian exhibition. This time the same method will be employed to unveil the great statue of Christ at Rio de Janeiro. The statue is 150 feet tall and stands at the top of the Corcovado Mountain, overlooking the city.

RUSSIAN radio plans for the coming winter may include a special "bar-rage" in the direction of South Africa. According to the "African World," the Soviet authorities will endeavour to reach the masses in Johannesburg and Cape Town by means of the new and powerful station now in course of erection near Moscow. The reference is obviously to the 200 k.w. transmitter at Noginsk.

HOPES that the Vatican broadcast-ing station would send out regular programmes for the benefit of the world at large were dispelled on August 3, when the authorities issued the following unequivocal statement:—"We do not and will not have regular broadcast programmes. Hours have been fixed for transmissions at 11 a.m. (British summer time) on a wavelength of 19.84 metres, and at 8 p.m. on a wavelength of 50.26 metres. At these times the station will send out news, notices and letters addressed to the missions. On Sundays and other feast days at 11 a.m. liturgical and spiritual letters are read for the sick."

THE growing use of trolley-buses, which cause considerable interference with radio reception, has prompted the British Radio Association to offer a gold medal for the most practical and constructive paper dealing with methods of obviating the nuisance. In judging the papers submitted, major attention will be paid to their technical content, but competitors are invited to deal also with the administrative side of the question, particularly with a view to determining the division of responsibility between the Post Office and the B.B.C. research staff in the tracing and elimination of interference.

THE Geneva police evidently believe that the broadcast listener should be treated like a gentleman (states an English contemporary). For courtesy and sweet understanding of human frailty it would be difficult to find a match for the following official notice addressed to local wireless users: "Sans-filistes! You who love music, from whatever country it comes, enjoy it plentifully, with intoxication (ivresse), but do not oblige your neighbours to hear, when they wish to rest, the concerts which charm you. Do not expose the loudspeakers on balconies or in gardens. After 10 p.m. have the courtesy to close your windows, and then indulge luxuriously in all sorts of music, gay or sad, classic, popular, or of the dance variety; but do not impose it on neighbours who do not desire it!"

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