

"All Bias."

I ENDORSE your sentiments, Sir. The gentleman who sponsors the Radio Column of the "Evening Post" ought undoubtedly to sign himself "All Bias" instead of "Grid Bias." Your exposure of his distorted transmission of what Britishers regard as fair play was trenchant and complete. His last budget was characteristic. He dodged your perfectly fair challenge by filling his space with a batch of anonymous letters which looked suspiciously like having been manufactured to order, and it is a curious fact that the only one of the batch that bore the writer's name was a dignified refutation of the biased absurdities of "Grid Bias."

I happen to own a powerful all-electric set, on which I work 2YA without an aerial. My location is within a mile and a half of the station, and the reception I get is truly excellent. Unfortunately I did not tune in until Mr. Coates must have been half way through his address, but when I did get him his voice came in as if he were in the room. If "Grid Bias" is not man enough to accept your challenge, radio listeners will in future know just how little importance to attach to his fulminations against the Broadcasting Company.—City Listener (Wellington).

Out of Step.

IF I were "Grid Bias" I should be feeling as small as the proverbial pea. It looks as if the bias he spills is allowed to run over into the other columns of the "Post," for the comparative reports which you publish side by side provide an exposure of one-eyed partisanship which should make any self-respecting newspaper blush. But why challenge the poor chap to do the impossible? You've heard of the old lady who went wild with enthusiasm

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when the company of soldiers marched by and she saw that every blessed one of them was out of step except her own boy. Well, "Grid Bias" tells us he runs a self-made set that beats the band, and it gives him rotten reception from 2YA, and we who find the reception A1 are, of course, all out of step with him. In the language of the vernacular,

Challenge Not Accepted.

I NOTICE the challenge issued in last week's issue to "Grid Bias" of the "Evening Post" has not been accepted. nor has any reason been given for such non-acceptance. Perhaps your rather militant challenge left "Grid Bias" without any bias, and he has, in radio

What about that Challenge, Mr. Bias?

*Are you afraid of a Test
and what it would
Reveal?*

what's his game? I for one shouldn't be surprised to learn that you had picked it correctly.—Chas. Smith (Wellington).

Wolf! Wolf!

"GRID BIAS" reminds me of the shepherd boy who called the villagers out by crying "Wolf! Wolf!" when there was no wolf. One day there may be a wolf, but who will heed "Grid Bias" then? Let him make certain his complaints are justified before he cries out.—G. Gould (Ngalo).

Where and Oh Where!

I WONDER where "Grid Bias" dug up the circuit for his receiver. Let us hope it was not the "Radio Record." If that test comes off I am bringing along my crystal set (made from the "R.R.").—"Rejecta Two" (Wadestown).

parlance, "lost his emission."—"Power Detector" (Lower Hutt).

Fair Play.

EVER since the Hon. J. B. Donald, one-time P.M.G., announced that at the expiration of the R.B. Co.'s contract broadcasting in New Zealand would come under Government control, I have followed closely per medium of the Press the developments in the situation. One curious thing has impressed me all through, namely, the apparently unaccountable but real hostility of Wellington's evening paper, the "Evening Post," toward the Radio Broadcasting Company, who, during the comparatively short term of their contract, have built up the basis of a very efficient broadcasting service, when considered in the light of the very difficult condi-

tions with which they have had to contend.

The latter is rarely taken into account—at least by the very noisy critics who from time to time fly into print, and who, as often as not, apparently impudently endeavour to convince the general public that the majority of New Zealand's 60,000 listeners agree with their views. In this I refer more particularly to a small body of people—they are not all licensed listeners—who style themselves, albeit ambitiously, the Radio Listeners' League. (I very nearly put the apostrophe before the 's,' for they have a secretary who is astoundingly prolific in his tirades, both verbal and written, against the R.B.C.). I happened to be present at the inaugural meeting of the Wellington branch of this body, when a great proportion of the few people there left while the meeting was in progress. To an outsider their rudeness might have appeared unpardonable, but I can condone their offence. Besides, the conceit which was advertised as part of the evening's proceedings was rather a disappointing affair.

The remainder of the entertainment, however, which took the form of a meeting, was highly diverting. The piece de resistance came when one of the audience asked the secretary how he could claim the total membership as being truly representative of New Zealand listeners when not only licensed listeners could join, but also members of their families as well. Shortly after everyone left.

And this is the body whose extremist views are published with an alacrity and in detail which would be admirable were such news not definitely misleading to the average reader.

Moreover, as revealed in last week's "Radio Record," the "Post's" idea of reporting on a deputation to the P.M.G.

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