

the great arena of politics, it is no boast on my part to state that Sir Apirana Ngata stands out as one of the greatest personalities of the British Empire. His contribution of culture and wisdom to administration throughout the Pacific is happily demonstrated by the harmonious conditions existing in Rarotonga and those islands under the jurisdiction of the New Zealand Government.

The future of the Maori is in the hands of those who are prepared to sacrifice, and with patience, sympathy and perseverance, continue to the end.

But What of His Future?

THE Maori was never destined by Divine Providence to rise into prominence as a distinct race, but to assist the British Empire to hold her own in view of the severe competition for supremacy. It is only natural that where a people, whose inherited experiences of centuries have been broadly different from those of the West, that the process of unfoldment has been astonishingly rapid.

Education of an industrial and agricultural nature must form an integral part of every good system of progressive advancement. Though the Maori still retains a portion of his land, yet he has been at a disadvantage, brought about by our hasty and somewhat ill-timed Native legislation, and the cumbersome and expensive proceedings of a Native Land Court and Native Land Boards. If the Maori is to acquire education in its true sense, in order to qualify himself as a useful member to society, then it is essential that he be given the same rights and privileges as his white brethren. I am ever hopeful of the future, but every advancement must be timed psychologically.

The disturbing effect of the association of aliens with Maori girls in the Auckland and Otaki districts calls for a little investigation. The reason is simple.

In 1863 the Maoris living between Auckland and Waikato had virtually been driven from their lands. Wholesale confiscation took place, and it would appear in the clearer light of later judgment that the Maoris were justified in defending their property against aggression. The Maoris of that district were thus deprived of their lands, and were reduced to the status of serf for the Oriental. It is utterly impossible for the Maori to work out his destiny unaided.

If only our white New Zealanders were brought into closer contact with the actual conditions, they would be supplied with a guiding pulse that would reveal incredible and astonishing experiences. I do not wish to be sensational, but it is the truth. When I state that such a condition existed not only with Maori girls, but Europeans also, such a condition is most

humiliating, and calls for the assistance of an economic and moral readjustment on the part of the Government.

It would appear as if the destiny of the Pacific is to undergo a rapid change. Where the spirit of greed and self-aggrandisement is being displayed by one nation against another, the consequences are sure to spell ruination, devastation, and destitution, not only to those who are able to survive, but to the unborn millions yet to come.

Before concluding we must regard our own parochial affairs from the point of view of world organisation.

A Community Sing

Will be Relayed by 2YA
from the Municipal Hall,
Masterton.

On Thursday, February 18.

Song Leader:

Owen Pritchard

Pianist:

Frank Crowther

Assisted by Local Band and
Artists.

The British Empire is more than a world power, but it is an internal part of the edifice of world culture and civilisation. There is yet a greater appeal. It is the noble and imposing appeal for international brotherhood.

The period demands a scientific diagnosis, and the League of Nations makes adequate provisions for each and every nation. World leaders have reached that stage when economics is not only to be regarded as a policy, but as a veritable truth. The cry of the Cosmos to-day is "Give us this day our daily work, and we will earn our bread ourselves."

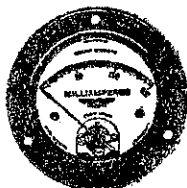
The remedy for the future of the Maori, and the British Empire as a whole, is a concerted effort on the part of everyone in the direction of making available the vast amount of untapped and undeveloped lands, as the surest means of reverting back to that state of supreme economic stability.

The future lies in the broad fields of endeavour, behind the plough of the enterprising colonist who seeks to turn the devastated areas into the prosperous Eldorado.

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Notes and News From the North

(By "Microphone.")

SPLendid reception is obtained in parts of the "Winterless North," and particularly in the vicinity of Ninety Mile Beach, according to a Wellington journalist who was "following up" the speed record attempts of "Wizard" Smith. The journalist took with him a four-valve portable battery set, and his tent used to be sought by numbers of wide-eyed young folk. He was able to hear the Wellington and Christchurch stations at excellent loudspeaker strength without the aid of an aerial. The remarkable signal strength he attributed to the flat nature of the country and the proximity of the sea. The owner of the set experienced considerable trouble with static interference in Russell.

DISAPPOINTMENT has been expressed by several listeners that the members of the casts in plays at 1YA are not published in the "Radio Record" nor announced over the air prior to the presentation of the productions. The personnel of the casts are announced at the conclusion of the performances. It is understood the view of the officials at 1YA is that, on account of most of the players being regular performers at the station, the revealing of their identity would detract from the interest in the plays. The viewpoint of some listeners is that a knowledge of the cast is needed, as when attending the theatre or the cinema, for complete enjoyment of the production.

DOUBT seems to exist among some residents in Auckland as to the rules of the Broadcasting Board for the broadcasting of "S.O.S." messages. Announcements of lost motor-cars, etc., can only be accepted by the radio stations when they are received from reliable sources such as the automobile association and the police. When a sick person wishes to communicate with a relative the message must come through a registered doctor or other bona-fide persons. The aim of the restrictions is of course to prevent the broadcasting of bogus "S.O.S." messages.

Children's Sessions

FROM 2YA.

Monday, February 15: To-night Mr. Clement May is going to present another little scene from "Little Lord Fauntleroy." Tweedledum will conduct the session, and Cousin Vermont will also be here to entertain you with bird and animal imitations. Cousin Vermont should enjoy Kipling Lady's stories of the jungle.



Tuesday: Jumbo is going to take the children of Radioland for a trip to the top of Mount Egmont, having tea at Humphries Castle. On the return trip Jumbo has arranged for a short stay at the hostel, where a play, "Little Red Riding Hood," will be heard, with suitable music. Jumbo will send his birthday greetings from there.

Wednesday: Wednesday afternoon brings Aunt Daisy and the Cheerful Chirpers. The Chirpers will chirp as cheerfully as ever. Aunt Daisy will have a story to tell, and will send out birthday greetings as usual.

Thursday: Uncle George and Big Brother Jack are taking the children to Dunedin for a trip to-night. Let's hope it will be only a slight breeze! On the way you are all to join in the chorus and sing Scottish songs.

Friday: We are having another tip to-night. We are taking Uncle Jim this time. Let's take him to Holland to see the windmills, clog dances, wonderful flowers and the quaint children in their picturesque frocks. We will try to find time to listen to a "Children's Hour" while we are there.

Saturday: Traveller Daisy Chown is going to take Aunt Molly and Uncle Jasper, with the children of Radioland, on a trip from Cape to Cairo. What fun and adventures we should have! Perhaps we could take Spot.

Sunday, February 21: To-night, the Children's Evening Song Service, conducted by Uncle George, assisted by the Children's Choir from the Lyall Bay Baptist Church, under the leadership of Mr. Kain.

Radio Friendliness

An International Agreement

GERMANY and Poland, with many matters between them which make friendly relations almost impossible, have yet concluded an extraordinarily fine agreement about broadcasting. We congratulate them heartily.

The National Broadcasting Companies in each country have agreed to a treaty by which they undertake in future to do everything in their power to ensure that all news broadcast from their stations shall not compromise in any way the spirit of co-operation and good understanding that is necessary if broadcasting is to fulfil its mission of drawing the nations together.

Nothing is to be broadcast about national activities in one country which will in any way offend the national sentiments of listeners in the other, and these regulations are to apply also to all news relayed by outside stations. The last clause of the treaty states that all matter broadcast by the Governments of each country is at their own responsibility. We hope sincerely they will not be behind the National Broadcasting Companies in ways of friendliness.

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