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# RADIO Round the World

AMATEUR transmitters in Great Britain are being urged to join the Royal Naval Wireless Auxiliary Reserve, the formation of which was announced a few months ago. The principal object is to provide a reserve of operators trained in naval procedure for service during war or a national emergency. As in other countries, areas and districts will have complete units allocated to them, consisting of a maximum of five transmitting stations, and training will commence with unit training, to be followed by inter-unit and sectional training. The reserve will be under the orders of the Admiralty, and the internal administration under a committee, the members of which will be appointed annually.

WITH the taking over of all broadcasting activities by the Government in Germany the elimination of electrical interference to wireless reception now devolved upon the postal department. Hitherto this function has been conducted by the amateurs' organisations. During the first half of this year the amateurs investigated 53,000 complaints and traced actual electric interference in 49,000 cases. Interference was eliminated at the source in 87 per cent. of the cases, while alterations in receivers proved effective in another 25 per cent. The average cost of tracking and elimination of trouble in each case was between five shillings and seven shillings and sixpence.

CONSIDERABLE surprise was created in American wireless circles when it was announced that Major-General C. K. Saltzman had resigned from the chairmanship of the Federal Radio Commission. When his appointment to the commission was being considered by the Senate General Saltzman held directly or indirectly large interests in communication fields. At the request of the Senate he disposed of all his stock—a fortunate move on the general's part, for shortly after his appointment the communication market crashed badly.

LAST year listeners in Switzerland raised an outcry against the amount of recorded music being transmitted from their local stations, and protests were made by radio societies and members of the public. So fervid were the protestations that the Swiss were being internationalised by recorded versions of foreign performed music, that the authorities were compelled to concentrate upon local performers. Since then listeners have realised the difficulty of a small country to supply its own broadcast fare, and gradually the record is growing in favour again.

RECENTLY at Almels, the Dutch police seized a private and secret station which had been interfering with Langenberg. After the seizure, Langenberg mysteriously continued to suffer in the same way. Finally, after much searching, the Dutch authorities discovered that the police themselves had been unable to resist the temptation to broadcast, and had continued to work the station after its "arrest." In Holland many an amateur heart beats beneath the police tunic.

PLANS for the formation of a wired wireless system in the U.S.A. are becoming more definite. The aims are for reception through special installation equipment of programmes, music, lectures and news without advertising. An eight hundred million dollar public utility holding company is being formed, which will connect up homesteads and instal apparatus at from two to five dollars a month. The American Telephone and Telegraph Company has already leased the long-distance telephone lines for the project. Seventy-eight large switchboards have been made for the use of sub-stations to transfer programmes from telephone lines to electric lighting wires.

A SOUND-FILM has been made of a complete day's programme of the Munich broadcasting station. The pictures were taken in the studios and the sound was picked up and carried by telephone cable to the studios of the film company, some distance from the town, there to be recorded on the film. All the actual performers, announcers, orchestra, etc., figure on the film, and even the studio audience appears. A suggestion has been made that the B.B.C. make a similar film of their activities. This could be sent through the provinces and around the Empire, thus permitting very many who have no hope of actually seeing performances at Broadcasting House to see a film and a recorded version.

AT Bombay, the police, who have been engaged for weeks on a search aided by radio detectors, discovered a hidden broadcasting station and arrested four persons, including the grandson of a late High Court judge, who is a wireless expert, also the son of Pandit Malaviya, a prominent Congress leader, and Chandiani, the Indian winner of the Viceroy's air race trophy. It is alleged that the station has been broadcasting propaganda at intervals when the State service was not operating. The transmitter was carried about in a car, the aerial being attached to a small balloon.

WHENEVER a girl is missing from home on the Pacific Coast of America, the police first ascertain from her parents her favourite radio programmes. Arrangements are then made for an appeal to be broadcast either just before or immediately after her favourite programme. By this system a great measure of success has attended broadcast efforts to have lost girls restored to their homes.