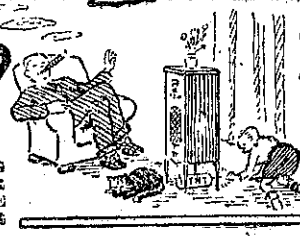




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A REARRANGEMENT**Conference Discusses
Wavelengths**

THE International Conference of European Radio Services opened at Lucerne on May 15. M. Muri, head of the Swiss delegation, was elected president of the conference; M. Keller, head of the radio department of the Swiss Post Office, vice-president.

The conference is more important than the Prague conference, which it supersedes; the Prague conference had the authority of administrations only, attempted merely to apportion satisfactory wavelengths to existing stations, and the agreements arrived at were not adhered to. The Lucerne Conference, on the other hand, is backed by the Government of each participating State; all agreements will be in the form of solemn Government undertakings, binding all parties for five years, until the next conference; and each country has been asked to declare its maximum requirements in waves, stations, and power.

With these declarations as a basis, it is expected there will be a complete rearrangement of European wavelengths. No station will be permitted to change its power or its wavelength without from three to six months' notice, and the approval of all concerned.

The conference has five committees: the first, under Mr. Phillips, head of

Australian Radio Licenses Nearing Half Million Mark

Comparison of Figures From 1925 to 1933

WHEN compared with those of previous years, the number of Australian broadcasting receiving licenses, issued on June 30, shows the tremendous strides made by wireless in a comparatively short period. The following summary from 1925 to 1933 speaks for itself:

Year ended	Number	Ratio to	Increase
June 30	in force	100 of Population	during the year. Numerical Percentage.
1925	63,874	1.08	
1926	128,060	2.14	64,186 100
1927	225,249	3.68	97,189 76
1928	270,507	4.33	45,258 20
1929	301,199	4.75	30,692 11
1930	312,192	4.88	10,993 3
1931	331,969	5.12	19,777 6
1932	369,945	5.67	37,976 11
1933	460,477	7.14	99,532 27

the British delegation, considered the principles of wavelength distribution; the second, under the head Italian delegate, discussed which stations shall be placed outside the broadcast band; the third, under the chief Czech delegate, discussed power-limitation; the fourth, under Herr Giesecke, the chief German delegate, apportioned wavelengths; and the fifth, under the chief Russian delegate, determined legal issues. The Press was excluded.

THE one-act play, "Five Birds in a Cage," which was presented in the studio of 2ZR on Monday last, proved very popular. It is hoped to present such plays once a month in future.

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THE B.B.C. has already a number of television artists on its staff, including some prominent London stage dancers.