

*Talks.*—Notable amongst overseas rebroadcasts were His Majesty the King's messages to his people after the end of the European War and the surrender of Japan. His Majesty also broadcast to the Empire on Christmas Day, and to New Zealand and Australia on Anzac Day. British statesmen heard by New Zealand listeners included the Right Hon. C. R. Attlee, Prime Minister of Great Britain; Mr. Bevin, British Foreign Minister; and the Right Hon. Winston Churchill.

A close watch was kept on talks broadcast from England and other countries. Among rebroadcasts from the B.B.C. were many by New Zealanders serving overseas. When it was possible, relatives in New Zealand were advised of these broadcasts in advance.

In New Zealand, His Excellency the Governor-General, Sir Cyril Newall, and Her Excellency, Lady Newall, broadcast several times during the year. Subjects of national importance were dealt with in broadcasts by the Prime Minister, the Right Hon. P. Fraser, the Right Hon. W. Nash, and other Cabinet Ministers, as well as Mr. S. G. Holland, Leader of the Opposition, and other citizens prominent in public life.

The practice of broadcasting talks with a national appeal on Sunday evenings was continued, and many distinguished visitors contributed to these sessions. The number of visitors who spoke to New Zealand through the Service, either at official receptions or in special talks, or both, was the greatest in recent years. They included Lord Alanbrooke, Chief of the Imperial General Staff; Vice-Admiral Sir Philip Vian, Second in Command, British Pacific Fleet; Lieutenant-General Sir William Dobbie, formerly Governor of Malta; Sir Alexander Grantham, Governor of Fiji and High Commissioner for the Western Pacific; Lord Winster, British Minister of Commercial Aviation; Lord Knollys, Chairman of the British Overseas Airways Corporation; the Hon. A. S. Drakeford, Australian Minister of Civil Aviation; Sir Henry French, of the British Ministry of Food; Sir Cosmo Parkinson, of the Colonial Office; Captain Anthony Kimmins, B.B.C. Naval Commentator; Sir Stanton Hicks, the eminent physiologist; Sir Angus Gillan, of the British Council; Dr. H. S. Canby, American man of letters; Mr. R. J. Boyer, Chairman of the Australian Broadcasting Commission; Sir Raghunath Paranjpe, High Commissioner for India in Australia; the Right Hon. W. J. Jordan, New Zealand High Commissioner in London; the Bishop of Singapore, the Right Rev. J. L. Wilson; General Carpenter, of the Salvation Army, and Mrs. Carpenter; Mr. Robert Gibbings, famous Irish artist and author, and Miss Gracie Fields.

The Service paid obituary tributes to leading figures abroad and at home, including the late President Roosevelt; Earl Lloyd George; Eleanor Rathbone, English Member of Parliament and Social Worker; Henry Handel Richardson, the novelist; Sir Charles Statham; Sir William Marris; and Frederick Wilding, K.C.

Local talks of a general nature were curtailed by the emergencies of war and the transition period following the war. There were, however, a large number of special appeals and instructive talks designed to meet the needs of the hour.

*Overseas Rebroadcasts.*—Many outstanding talks and commentaries from overseas stations were rebroadcast in New Zealand or recorded for future use. Among these were His Majesty the King's Christmas Day and Anzac Day messages, the Right Hon. Winston Churchill's address on his completion of five years as Prime Minister of Great Britain, and President Truman's speech at the closing of the United Nations Conference. The Right Hon. P. Fraser's speech at the Plenary Session of the United Nations Conference at San Francisco was rebroadcast, and listeners also heard Mr. S. G. Holland, Leader of the Opposition, speaking from the B.B.C.