

general quality of the work submitted showed little sign of improvement. Of the total submitted, only 154 scripts were accepted for broadcasting, of which only 31 were by New Zealanders. The results of the play competition announced in May did not bring to light any talent unknown to the Service.

Thirty-six major plays were produced during the year, including works by the following overseas authors—England: J. Jefferson Farjeon, Emlyn Williams, H. F. Maltby, Norman Edwards, C. Gordon Glover, Ursula Bloom, Mabel Constanduros, Harold Brighouse, W. W. Jacobs, Howard Agg, Edward Harding. Australia: Edmund Barclay, Maxwell Gray. South Africa: Margaret Lang. Egypt: Victor Andrews.

Serials recorded included fifteen episodes of "The Adventures of Topper," by Thorne Smith, and ten episodes of "High Jinks in History." Ten short stories were recorded. Among the forty-two special programmes recorded were "Radio at Your Service," the documentary "H.M.N.Z.S. Philomel," and a musical programme entitled "A Tale From the Middle Ages."

Sixty-four episodes of historical and literary serials were recorded for the Broadcasts to Schools Session. Included in this number were "The Grafted Rose," written by the Service, and "Stories Old and New" and "Song and Story From Everywhere," both adapted for broadcasting by the Service. Thirty-four news talks were prepared for this session.

During the year a recording studio was established by the Service in Auckland, and greater use can now be made of local talent in that centre for national programme purposes by the increased recording of plays, features, and talks for use at other stations.

OVERSEAS REBROADCASTS

Rebroadcasting again provided the means of bringing to New Zealand listeners many talks, actuality broadcasts, and commentaries on overseas events. Important among these was His Majesty the King's message to his people, preceded by the B.B.C. programme linking the British Commonwealth of Nations on Christmas Day. Addresses by prominent statesmen included those by the Right Hon. C. R. Attlee, the Right Hon. Ernest Bevin, the Right Hon. Winston Churchill, and President Truman. Proceedings from the United Nations Conference and the opening of the South Pacific Conference at Canberra were followed closely by many listeners, and keen interest was evident in such rebroadcasts as the description of the Victory Parade in London, The Atom Bomb Tests off Bikini, and the Judgment in the Nuremberg Trials. An item of particular local interest was the launching of the inter-Island express steamer, "Hinemoa," at Barrow In Furness.

OUTSIDE RELAYS OF LOCAL EVENTS

As a result of the extension of public activities which followed the end of the war the Service received an increased number of requests for relays of local events. It was not possible to broadcast all of these. However, many public ceremonies and functions, concerts, festivals, sporting highlights, memorial services, &c., reached the wider listening audience. Some of these broadcasts have been referred to in other sections of this report.

Relays of State luncheons and civic receptions included those given in honour of Their Excellencies the Governor-General Sir Bernard Freyberg, V.C., and Lady Freyberg; Their Excellencies Sir Cyril and Lady Newall; Viscount and Viscountess Mountbatten; Sir Keith Park and Lady Park; Captain W. E. Banks, R.N.; Major-General H. K. Kippenberger; His Excellency Archbishop Panico, Apostolic Delegate; the Right Rev. R. H. Owen, Bishop of Wellington; Mr. A. R. Cutler, V.C.; the Right Rev. W. H. Baddeley, Bishop of Melanesia; Monsieur Ziabkin, Russian Ambassador to New Zealand; and visiting American athletes and Australian swimmers.