

Fifty-three plays were recorded by the Service during the year. These included such productions as "The Dover Road," by A. A. Milne; "One Fine Day," by Emery Bonett; "The Immortal Lady," by Clifford Bax; "Saloon Bar," by Frank Harvey; "Lord George Sanger," by Roy Plomley; a number by the well-known English radio playwright C. Gordon Glover; and several by the New Zealand playwright John Gundry. Other writers represented in this year's list of recorded plays were Victor Andrews, Egypt; G. Murray Milne, Australia; and Norman Edwards, England.

Twenty-five episodes of serials and fifty short stories were recorded, including several by the English short-story writers, J. Jefferson Farjeon and W. Glynne-Jones, and two by New Zealand writers.

Special programmes recorded included a centenary programme on Edison, a play on behalf of CORSO entitled "Wang Fu's Family," and a New Zealand programme for broadcasting in Switzerland called "How the Others Live."

During the year 1,056 scripts were examined. These included plays, serials, short stories, novels, continuities for recorded music, poems, and pantomimes, children's plays, and books. New Zealand writers submitted 235 scripts. Of the 318 scripts purchased by the Service, 42 were of New Zealand origin.

The Auckland Recording Studios recorded 6 complete plays, 5 short stories, 70 episodes of serials, and 7 feature programmes for the Auckland stations.

OVERSEAS REBROADCASTS

Rebroadcasting again provided the means of bringing to New Zealand listeners many talks, actuality broadcasts and commentaries on overseas events. Important amongst these was His Majesty the King's Christmas message to his people and the associated B.B.C. programme. Her Royal Highness the Princess Elizabeth's address to the Empire on the occasion of her twenty-first birthday was also rebroadcast. The B.B.C.'s relay of the wedding of Her Royal Highness the Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh was transmitted to New Zealand listeners.

OUTSIDE RELAYS OF LOCAL EVENTS

Functions of national interest relayed during the year covered many public ceremonies and functions, concerts, festivals, memorial services, sporting highlights, &c. They included State luncheons and civic receptions in honour of Field-Marshal the Viscount Montgomery of Alamein and Cardinal Gilroy. Other relays were those of the official opening of the Otago Agricultural and Pastoral Show by the United States Minister in New Zealand, the Hon. Avra Warren; the opening of the Artificial Limbs Department of the Dunedin Hospital by the Right Hon. the Prime Minister; and the many and various celebrations in connection with the Otago Centennial. Commentaries were broadcast covering the Canterbury Agricultural and Pastoral Show; the Royal Agricultural Show at Hastings; the arrivals of H.M.S. "Theseus" at Wellington and H.M.N.Z.S. "Bellona" at Dunedin; the North Island Baconer Championship at Westfield; the departure of the first B.C.P.A. Skymaster plane from Whenuapai; and the filling of the dam at Karapiro hydro-electricity station.

SPORTING BROADCASTS

The number of sporting broadcasts increased from 557 recorded in last year's report to 678. In addition to commentaries on local events, the public was kept fully informed by frequent broadcast summaries of Dominion sporting results. The Commercial stations also provided a coverage of results by means of sports flashes and reviews.