

## PROGRAMME NOTES FOR DECEMBER

### Anniversary of Italian Language Section

On Sunday, December 3, 1948, the CBC International Service inaugurated daily transmissions to Italy. This event was commemorated by a special anniversary programme broadcast on Sunday, December 4, 1949. The programme included a message to Italian listeners by Dr. Ira Dilworth, General Supervisor of the International Service, Italian music played by an orchestra under the direction of Mr. Roland Leduc of Montreal, and a presentation of the ideas and aims of the International Service.

### Special Christmas and New Year Programme

As in previous years, the International Service is planning special programmes for the Christmas and New Year Season. These will include plays and sketches, as well as presentations of Canadian music.

On December 25, the English Language Service will broadcast a Christmas play, "The Oracles are Dumb", written by Andrew Allen and John Bethune. The Latin American Service also has prepared dramatized descriptions of Christmas in Canada for listeners in Latin American countries to be heard on Christmas Day.

Two carefully selected programmes of music will be featured by the language services of the CBC during the Christmas Season. One is a half-hour programme of classical music played by a 35-piece orchestra under the direction of Mr. Roland Leduc of Montreal. The presentation includes "Symphony for the Supper of a King" by Lalande, and the "Toccatina, Aria, Minuet, and Jig" by Alessandro Scarlatti.

The second programme comprises "Mount Royal Sleigh Ride", "Bells of Ottawa", and "Walking in the Snow", three original compositions by Mr. Neil Chotem of Montreal; and "Christmas in the Nursery", "Chansonnette Canadienne", and "Finale on Christmas Carols", a special arrangement of nursery tunes, French Canadian folk songs, and Christmas carols. The 35-piece CBC orchestra will be under the direction of Mr. Chotem.

This original Canadian music will be presented not only to countries served by the CBC International Service in its daily transmissions, but also to several others. Recordings of the programme have been sent to the national radio stations of Finland, Poland, Belgium, Switzerland, and Greece where they will form a part of the national celebrations for Christmas and New Year's.

Recordings have also been sent to radio stations in the United Kingdom, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, Austria, Italy, the Latin American republics, Australia, and New Zealand, ten of the countries regularly served by the International Service.