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Christmas Broadcasts

CHRISTMAS is a season associated with good cheer and goodwill. It is also the season of pantomimes, of Alladins and Wonderful Lamps, of Cinderellas and Princes Charming. At Christmas the social season is at its height. Christmas is also the festival of young people, and of Santa Claus bringing gifts across the Arctic snows for each and every incurably optimistic child. And Christmas is the one day in the year when every member of the family endeavours to be present in his own home for the Christmas dinner.

In the season's programmes, therefore, All India Radio tries to reflect the needs and thoughts of all. This year typical Yuletide music, talks and feature have been provided from Bombay during the Christmas week. The Christmas Eve will be celebrated with carols sung by the members of the Salvation Army at 10.25 p.m. on 244 metres, while at 8.30 p.m. the Rt. Reverend Richard Dyke Acland, Bishop of Bombay, will broadcast a Christmas message. On Christmas Day, from 9.0 to 9.30 a.m., there will be a special Sound News Christmas number in the shape of a Nativity Play. In the evening

at 9.30 p.m. on short wave the Aeolian Male Quartet will sing a selection of old traditional songs. This will be followed at 10.0 p.m. by Air Voices, led by Elli Millet, who will give a recital of "Christmas Songs" by J. S. Bach. At 10.25 a recording of the "Christmas Canata", played by A I R Symphonic Strings, and conducted by its composer, Walter Kaufmann, will be on the air.

New Year will be heralded by lively dance music from 10.0 to 11.45 p.m. provided by well-known dance bands in Bombay. They will include Teddy Weatherford's, Ruth Saolman's Trio and Ken Mac. Following the dance music at 11.45 will be "Over Your Shoulder", a feature by Aubrey Menon and John Rowdon, which will review 1940 and finish just in time to hail the New Year.

A MUSICAL pantomime, "Alladdin and the Wonderful Lamp", on Christmas Eve from 8.45 to 9.15 p.m. and Choral Matins relayed from St. George's Cathedral in a special transmission on Christmas Day from 10.55 a.m. to 12 noon, are the principal

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The photograph is of Bismillah and party, frequently heard from the Lucknow Station of A I R.



programmes from Madras. On December 21 the pupils of St. Mathias' School present a play "Christmas Morning" for children. The popular feature "The Sunday Evening Concert" has been arranged on December 22 with a programme of Christmas music. A revue on December 27 at 10.0 p.m. brings the Madras Christmas programmes to a conclusion.

A talk by Rev. J. D. Tytler on "The Prince of Peace", a descriptive sketch entitled "A Charles Dickens Christmas" and Christmas carols are the main items from Delhi on Christmas Eve, followed on the 25th by a musical programme entitled "A Christmas Potpourri".

BESIDES a number of Christmas items for women and children on Christmas Eve, Calcutta is providing on Christmas Day an elaborate lunch-hour music programme and again late in the evening, as well as a feature programme in Bengali entitled "Isha".

A Christmas Eve programme in Hindustani will be broadcast from Lahore on the 24th besides Christmas carols and part songs by the Lahore Choral Society on the 23rd and a relay of the Christmas morning service from the Lahore Cathedral on the 25th.

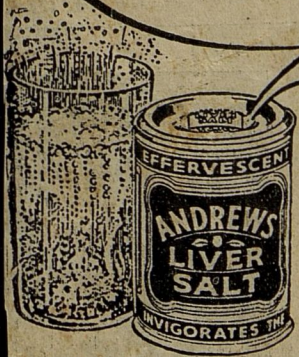
The Lucknow Station, besides the Christmas Eve programme, is putting on the air a special feature entitled "Antim Katha" to be broadcast on December 31.



THE SPIRIT OF THE HIMALAYAS. —Photograph of a painting by Svetoslav Roerich, who talks on the subject from Lahore on December 19.

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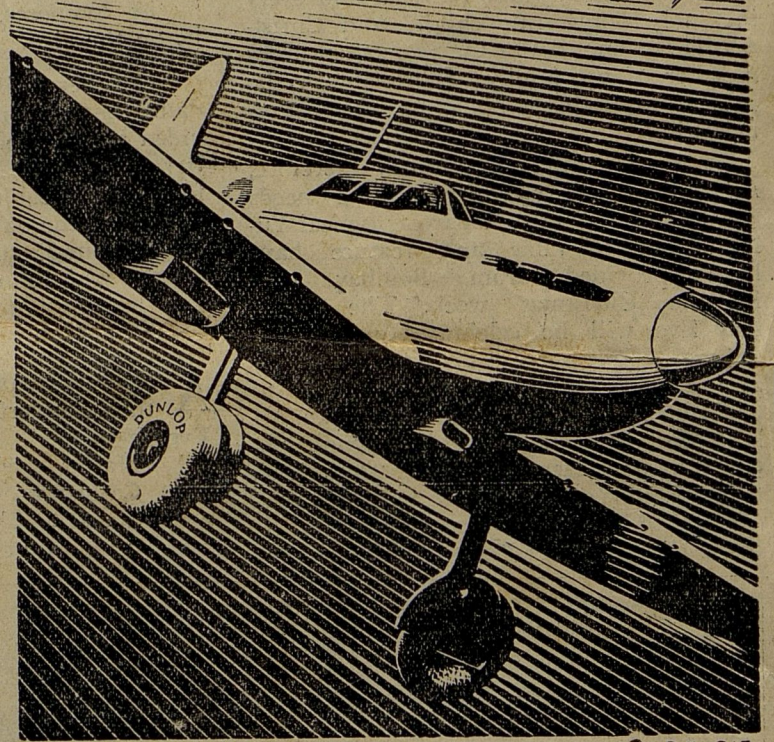
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