

FCC Chief, Stars to Help Birthday Tonight

Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox and James L. Fly, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, will join top-flight entertainment stars in a gala program tonight celebrating the 15th anniversary of the National Broadcasting co.

The special broadcast will be heard from 10:15 p. m. to 12:15 a. m. Sunday over WIBA and 242 other NBC stations.

Speaking from aboard the S. S. Matsonia in mid-Pacific, David Sarnoff, president of the Radio Corporation of America and chairman of the board of NBC, will introduce Niles Trammell, NBC president. Sarnoff is returning to the mainland from a business trip in Honolulu. Trammell will speak from the NBC studios in Radio City, New York.

The new studios, embodying the most recent achievements of scientific radio research, will be opened officially during the broadcast.

Talent from every entertainment field has been assembled for the anniversary broadcast. Headlining the cast are Jack Benny, Bing Crosby, Connie Boswell, Edgar Bergen, Red Skelton, Fanny Brice, Burns and Allen, Edmund Lowe, Victor McLaglen, Fibber McGee and Molly, Irene Rich, Kay Kyser, Horace Heidt, Benny Goodman, the "Quiz Kids," "Johnny," Frank Munn, Lucille Manners, Conrad Thibault, Vivian Della Chiesa, Dr. Walter Damosch, Milton Cross, Frank Black and an NBC orchestra, Lum and Abner, Southernaires, Chamber Music Society of Lower Basin Street, Lowell Thomas, Graham McNamee, H. V. Kaltenborn, Bill Stern, and others.

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In addition, noted NBC foreign correspondents will tie into the program with an around-the-world commentary on current developments of World War II. The U. S. army and navy bands also will be heard.

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Music

8 p. m. — Theater of the Air (WGN): Marion Claire, John Brownlee, and Attilio Baggione in "The Desert Song."

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Discussion

9:15 p. m. — Henry Bruers (WMAQ): president of New York's Bowery Savings bank on "Why Your Savings Mean Help for the Nation and Self-Help Against Inflation"

Public Affairs (WBBM): Paul V. McNutt on "Enlightened Morale."

9:30 p. m. — People's Platform (WBBM): Daniel Allen, Leo Cherne, others on cost-of-living legislation.

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Drama

7 p. m. — Knickerbocker Playhouse (WMAQ): "Love on a Shoe String."

9:30 p. m. — Hot Copy (WMAQ): garage-protection racket.

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Variety

8 p. m. — Barn Dance (WLS): and the gay nineties.

9 p. m. — Hemisphere Revue (WIBA): Charlie Magnante, Nina Korda, Hazel Scott, others.

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Sports

9 p. m. — Bill Stern (WMAQ): and Lynn Waldorf.

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Miscellaneous

6 p. m. — This is Your Army (WMAQ): Brig.-Gen. Harry J. Maloney, U. S. Army band, others.

8:45 p. m. — Austrian Independence Day (WIBA): Reps. James A. Shanley (D., Conn.) and V. F. Harrington (D., Ia.).