

Barrymore Gives Eighth Performance As Scrooge

Lionel Barrymore portrays Scrooge in Dickens' immortal "Christmas Carol," for his eighth successive year, when his "Mayor of the Town" program devotes its pre-Christmas broadcast to the Yuletide classic, on Wednesday at 8 p. m., over Station WABC. Barrymore's portrayal of Scrooge has become a radio tradition, since its inception at Christmas, 1936..

Joan Tennyson, soprano, Jan Peerce, tenor, and Robert Weede, baritone, will be featured in a special program of Yuletide music on the "Great Moments In Music" broadcast of Wednesday at 9 p. m., EST, over WABC.

Dennis Day, who claims he sings his Irish heart out for a mere pittance on the Jack Benny show, will attempt to make a dicker with Eddie Cantor when he appears on Eddie's "Time To Smile" broadcast, Wednesday, over WEAJ at 8 p. m., EST.

A special Christmas program by a 55-voice chorus conducted by Gena Branscombe, well-known composer-conductor, will be broadcast over WJZ on Wednesday at 9:15 p. m., EST.

Kay Kyser and his College of Musical Knowledge will have a bag-full of Christmas tunes and ditties for the radio audience. But the professor will don the red hat and whiskers instead of the professional robes for the occasion. (9 p. m., EST, WEAJ.)

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FRANCO RELAXES SPANISH RULES

MADRID, Dec. 22 — (UP) — Generalissimo Francisco Franco sought to rally all Spain behind his government today with the establishment of greater freedom of the press, political amnesty for all prisoners except those convicted of murder, dissolution of the Falange party militia and modification of some party organizations.

The political amnesty, most generous in Spain's history, was announced yesterday. The ministry of justice estimated 8,000 prisoners would be released before Christmas.

Jose Luis Arrese, minister-secretary of the Falange, Spain's only recognized party, announced decision to dissolve the militia at a meeting of provincial party chiefs.

FORMER KENTON MAN APPOINTED

COLUMBUS, Dec. 22—(INS)—