

FBI Checks Performers on Series

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI is running a check on performers hired for a television series about its operations to make sure no Communists or subversives take part. Films of completed programs will be reviewed for accuracy.

"We will not permit anyone with a Communist, subversive or substantially derogatory background to portray any part in the series," a spokesman said.

The hour-long television program, The FBI, scheduled to begin on ABC Sept. 19, is under production at Warner Bros.

The spokesman said Warner Bros. "gives us the names of actors" hired for the series and the FBI then checks the names against its files. Any derogatory information contained in the files is then supplied to the producers, the spokesman said, adding that this applied only to actors, not to production or technical personnel.

He said that "we do not conduct investigations of anyone" and that "the FBI has nothing to say about who plays any role in the series."

The spokesman said he was unable to say how many names had already been submitted to FBI headquarters here but that those passed on so far included the star of the series, Efrem Zimbalist Jr.

Zimbalist spent several days in Washington and at the FBI academy in Quantico, Va., about a month ago, the spokesman said, "to get the feel of the role he will play" as an FBI inspector.

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