

America Day

Bob Hope's Big Washington 4th

Washington

The way Bob Hope tells it, the Honor America Day celebration in Washington this Saturday will attract the biggest crowd ever gathered for any show.

His estimate for the July Fourth affair: 400,000 people.

Hope's part of the show is the evening entertainment at the Washington Monument. He said the aim was to help the country's morale after the widespread dissent of recent months.

LIST

Hope listed this assured lineup:

Jack Benny, Red Skelton, Dinah Shore, Glen Campbell, Les Brown and his band, The Centurymen Chorus, Barbara Eden, Roberta Flack, The Gold Diggers, Theresa Graves, Lionel Hampton, Dorothy Lamour, Buck Owens and the Buckaroos, Connie Stevens, B. J. Thomas, the Young Americans and Fred Waring.

And also invited the Smothers brothers, Nancy Sinatra, The Fifth Dimension, Danny Kaye, Johnny Cash, Della Reese and Joe Namath.

"The new left can come in

if they have some entertainers to present," Hope said. "I'd be happy to audition them if they have any talent."

ALL

"We want all American represented, all the entertainers," Hope said. "We don't want to sell anything."

He assured newsmen the entertainment program will be nonpolitical.

"We've listened to a lot of people the last couple of years," he said. "We're just asking one day to honor America."

"The most important thing to me," the comedian said, "is that the program will be carried on a satellite across the water. It will help our image to finally see a bunch of Americans really happy for once."

Golf

Hope, said, however, he will not be able to resist kidding Vice President Spiro T. Agnew. "I've got to talk about Agnew's golf, that's the funniest thing going today."

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