



—Star-Telegram Staff Photo.

BOB HOPE.

... back in Fort Worth on GI circuit.

Next Door to Opera

Bob and Gang Pack 'Em In 11,000 Strong at Show

BY ELSTON BROOKS.

Movie Star Bob Hope played to his favorite audience Wednesday night in Fort Worth—the GI.

A staggering crowd of an estimated 11,000, made up of Carswell Air Base personnel and their families, jammed Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum for a free hour and a half show that starred Hope, Marilyn Maxwell, Jimmy Wakely, Jerry Colonna and Les Brown and his band.

Playing the last leg of his latest serviceman benefit tour, Hope convulsed the crowd with his double-take style of gag like the one about the "Carswell major who was so young he wore a three cornered parachute."

"It's great to be back in Texas," he cracked. "This is the only state where the roosters run up to the eggs with a branding iron. I was met at the airport today by the mayor. He presented me with a key to the washroom . . . and a nickel."

Hope dubbed Hopalong Cassidy "the Bank of America with saddle bags." Union Boss Petrillo was called "John L. Lewis with a lifetime needle."

Amon Carter was greeted on stage with "allahs" from Hope and Brown's band who all fell to their knees. Carter presented the comedian with a 21-jewel gem encrusted pocket watch, calling him "an inspiration for Americans."

"Thanks, Amon," beamed Hope. "That's just as I wrote it." He then took Carter's Shady Oak hat and pranced around the stage. "I've received so many of these,"

Hope said, "I had to have my head blocked."

Brown rocked the crowd with his version of "Slaughter on 10th Avenue." To which Hope opined, "That's our answer to the opera next door. There are so many dress suits over there you could hear the mothballs dropping for a mile."

Running close to Hope in crowd appeal was mustached Colonna, who said he was in the pink. "The blue ones are in, the laundry," he explained.

Blond Miss Maxwell was a solid Turn to Bob Hope on Page 4.

Red Chin Threats

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Nov. 29 (INS).—U. S. Delegate Warren Austin Wednesday angrily warned Communist China and its representative, Wu Hsui-chuan, that the U. N. will not tolerate

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Fort Worth residents were offered an opportunity Wednesday

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favorite with the males, her singing voice accentuated by a slinky, low-cut black gown. Wakely showed that tunes like "Slippin' Around" pay off for the cornball singers. He wore a gray, tailor-made, pin-stripe "cowboy" suit.

Rounding out the benefit show were The Tailor Maids, pretty singers of butterfly tunes; The High Hatters, Negro precision tap duo, and Judy Kelly, whose dancing gymnastics were climaxed by a leap from the piano that ended in a split.

Missing from the lineup was Jack Kirkwood, who had to return to Hollywood for his radio program.

Wednesday afternoon Hope and company played to another full house at the Carswell base theater when they recorded his network show which will be aired—full of Fort Worth jokes and names—Tuesday night.

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