



THEATER-OF-THE-AIR:

Crowd Sought For TV Series

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All you TV viewers and "Route 66" fans who would like to watch a segment of the show being filmed and also be a part of the crowd used in the show, go out to Mesquite Rodeo grounds at Mesquite on Saturday, starting at 8 a.m.

The troupe for the roving series arrived on schedule Tuesday at Love Field complete with fans for the regular stars, George Maharis and Martin Milner. The latter, incidentally, got a day off as they were not being used in the first scene to be shot. Maharis used his off-time to work on his car, then drive around the city. When last seen he was headed for some shopping and also planned to take in a movie.

Milner, at the Marriott Motor Hotel where the troupe has its headquarters, studied his script, rested and took it easy.

IN THE MEANTIME, back at San Ventura's Club Village in Oak Lawn, where the sole scene not at the rodeo, takes place there was a lot of activity. When we dropped by for a brief look, the crew was busy setting up lights and getting camera angles. Herb Stewart, producer on tour, David Lowell Rich, director, and Bob Maharis, location manager, were busily overseeing things.

Guest performers who will be featured in this segment are Audrey Totter who will play a rodeo performer, Albert Salmi, rodeo clown, and the veteran actor, Slim Pickens. They were on hand, rehearsing and waiting for the actual filming.

Also slated for a small role

in this scene was Paul Cartwright, maitre d' for the Club Village.

Work at Mesquite with Maharis and Milner in the scenes will start Wednesday morning.

NEXT THURSDAY'S "CBS Reports" offering, "Biography of a Bookie Joint" which explores national crime, has been tagged by its executive producer, Fred Friendly as "an 'Untouchables' with real people." Showing at the same time is the top-rated, popular crime fiction series starring Robert Stack as Elliot Ness. Will the real "Untouchables" stand up?

Mark Goddard, the handsome young sleuth of Robert Taylor's "Detectives," will speak to high school students on the subject of policemen.

Everybody's diversifying his acting crop these days. Singer Tony Martin will turn up as a bank executive in a forthcoming "Death Valley Days." Jack Benny's Rochester (Eddie Anderson) will be seen in a "Bachelor Father" episode.

CHARLIE JONES, "the voice of the Dallas Texans," will leave Friday for New York where he will supply the play-by-play for Sunday's pro football game between the Texans and the New York Titans, which will be broadcast Sunday over ABC-TV, and seen here starting at 1 p.m. on Channel 8.