9th WSM Country Fest Set For Nov. 4 & 5

NASHVILLE—WSM's ninth annual "Country Music Festival" will be held here on November 4 & 5, Opry manager Ott Devine announced last week. The fete will coincide with the 35th anniversary of the beginning of the show, the oldest continuous program on radio. Over 2,000 disk-jockeys, artists, publishers, management men and women, and disk reps are expected to attend.

Liberty Bows "Premier" Albums

LOS ANGELES—Liberty Records has announced the launching of a new series this month of especially produced and designed LP's tagged "Premier."

Everest Issues 10 LP's

NEW YORK—Everest Records has announced the release of ten September-October LP's, including eight pop and two classical. The pop albums are: "Day In Day Out"—Gloria Lynne; "The Unpredictable Jorje Remus"—Jorje Remus; "Sing Along In French"—Ray Ventura Singers; "Here Comes Charlie"—Charlie Shavers; "Sleighride"—Randy Van Horne Singers; "Hail Mary"—Ann Blyth; "The Rhythmic Fingers of Peter Nielsen"—His piano with rhythm; "Fly With Me"—Raoul Poliakoff, his chorus.

The classical entries are: Beethoven: Symphony No. 6—Josef Krips conducting The London Symph. Orch.; Luboshutz-Nemenoff: Duo Piano Recital.

Decca LP On UN History

NEW YORK—Decca Records will release next month an LP, "Voices Towards Peace," which highlights the history of the United Nations from its inception in 1945 to the present Congo crisis. Actual speeches by UN delegates are heard, tied in by a narrative by actor Ralph Bellamy. Narration was written by UN correspondent Saul Carson. The elaborate sleeve folds out to various pictures pertaining to the world organization.

Against the background of UN headquarters in New York, Decca previewed the LP for the press on Friday, September 16. There was a tour of the UN building, and excerpts from the album were heard in the delegates conference room. UN correspondents—including Carson—and delegation press officers spoke to the gathering. Also present were Decca's Leonard W. Schneider, Marty Salkin, Marty Hoffman, and Leonard Salidor.

ARMADA Exec Board Meet

NEW YORK—The recent ARMADA executive board meeting here Sept. 13 resulted in the group's affirmation of continuing its fight against bootlegging. It is working with the legal firm of Blane, Steinberg, Balder & Steinbrook. Pictures above are those who attended the conclave. Left to right: Harry Apotheker, executive committee; Harry Schwartz, treasurer; Nelson Verbit, secretary; Art Talmadge, president; Bob Chatton, vice president; and Jordan I. Ross, executive secretary.

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"This is a unique program for Liberty and we believe for our industry," said company president Al Bennett. "Each album offered in this 'Premier' series will be selected with the utmost of care. It will represent the very ultimate in sound and production. Additionally we are striving for and I think we have achieved the very finest in ads, design and printing for these albums. They could well set new standards for packaging for our entire industry."

The initial album offered in the Premier series is "Paradise Found," recorded in Hawaii by Felix Slatkin.