

F. C. C. DENIES REQUEST OF R. C. A. COLOR TEST

The Federal Communications Commission has refused to grant to the Radio Corporation of America permission at this time to make field test broadcasts of its color system during regular broadcast hours.

In a letter to the F. C. C. on June 11 R. C. A. requested such permission, pointing out the difficulties imposed on field testing by commission restrictions.

In its reply yesterday the F. C. C. noted that it believed its present policy "against permitting experimentation with compatible color television systems during regular broadcasting hours" should be maintained, but recognized that deviations might be necessary.

WNBC will offer a musical salute to Richard Rodgers on his fiftieth birthday by devoting its entire Saturday (actually Sunday morning) "Music Through the Night" broadcast to Rodgers music from 12:05 A. M. to 8 A. M. There will be three "live" pickups during the recorded session: Guy Lombardo from the Roosevelt Hotel; Elliott Lawrence from the Statler Hotel, and a piano quartet, composed of Joe Bushkin, Cy Walter, Ted Trateter and Emil Coleman, from Billy Reed's Little Club.