

## R. C. A. WILL BEGIN TV COLOR CLINICS

Instructions in Set Servicing  
to Start Here Next Month—  
Westinghouse Plans Course

The Radio Corporation of America will begin a series of color television clinics next month to instruct receiver manufacturers, distributors and service men in the servicing of color sets.

The announcement, coming only a few days after the Federal Communications Commission approved a new color system for commercial use, seemed to indicate that R. C. A. expects the industry to tool up and convert to color sooner than had been anticipated.

The first clinic for R. C. A. receiving set licensees will be held here beginning Jan. 11, followed by other clinics to start in Chicago on Jan. 25 and Los Angeles on Feb. 8. Clinics for distributors and service men will be held in sixty-five cities beginning early in February.

Each clinic, running for four days, will consist of twenty-eight hours of instruction by lecturers of the R. C. A. Service Company. Subject matter will include color theory, color signals, basic cir-

cuitry, components and adjustment.

The Westinghouse Electric Corporation also announced yesterday that it was conducting a two-week study course at television-radio division headquarters in Metuchen, N. J. The course, attended by all key engineers in the company, deals with problems of maintaining and servicing color TV receivers.

A color television home-study course for technicians was announced by the R. C. A. Institute, Inc., a technical training school. The first part of the nine-lesson course will be available about Jan. 15, the company said. The course will contain full information on the standards adopted by the National Television System Committee, which permit color signals to be received on existing black and white sets.

### Gleason Vacation Nears

The winter vacation season is nearing for some cast members on Jackie Gleason's television show. The star himself will be away on Jan. 2 and 9, with Gordon MacRae substituting. The June Taylor Dancers will be away on the same dates and Art Carney will be absent on Jan. 9.

Gary Merrill and William Prince have been signed as leading players in "The Mask," a weekly melodrama that will make its debut over the A. B. C. television network on Sunday, Jan. 10, from 8 to 9 P. M. They will portray

Guilfoyle & Guilfoyle, brother attorneys whose cases provide the springboard for various adventures.

General Teleradio, Inc., owner of WOR, WOR-TV and other stations, has purchased the radio and television program production firm of Phillips H. Lord, Inc. The sale includes all program properties owned by the Lord organization, as well as subsidiary and residual rights. Mr. Lord will be retained by General Teleradio as a consultant for five years.