

# Cox Says Cloggers Assured Of Tour

Macon County's now famous Smoky Mountain Cloggers are virtually assured of a tour of the United States, Canada, and Mexico, and there's a good chance they'll be signed for a return appearance on the Ed Sullivan show.

That's the word from Robert F. (Bob) Cox, the Spartanburg, S. C., CBS talent scout, who is handling the future of the young square dance group.

May 2 at the Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium, he's taking "Holiday For Teens", a group of 26 young Americans, on a tour of Europe, and possibly around the world, to entertain U.S. armed forces. Although the 12 Smoky Mountain Cloggers are not included in the 26 for the world tour, Mr. Cox told The Franklin Press last week "my plans include putting the Cloggers in 'Holiday For Teens' on our return from Europe for a tour of the United States, Canada, and Mexico . . . They would be making the Euro-

**About Tour**  
What about the tour? Well, Mr. Cox explains, after a world premiere in Spartanburg, S. C.,



## SULLIVAN GETS HIS RUBIES

At left is Robert F. (Bob) Cox, CBS talent scout, presenting Ed Sullivan a gift of rubies and sapphires from Macon County. The presentation was made on the March 2 Sullivan show, which featured Macon's own Smoky Mountain Cloggers. The photograph was brought here this week by Mr. Cox, who announced some future plans for the Cloggers.

pean trip . . . but they (the government) limited the number to 26 . . .

### Making Effort

The young producer of "Holiday For Teens" also said he is "making an effort" to schedule the Cloggers for another Sullivan show in the very near future.

"And they'll get to dance longer next time," he declared. In their March 2 appearance on the CBS show, the dancers saw their allotted three minutes undergo surgery in rehearsal and they finally lasted about 30 seconds on camera in the actual show.

### Explains Show

Explaining the idea behind

"Holiday For Teens", Mr. Cox said it is to open an avenue for young performers who have talent and ability and the necessary drive to become great entertainers of the future. The actual purpose of this cast of young performers is three-fold. First, to entertain the fighting forces of the free world . . . traveling to the far regions of the globe to demonstrate their talent and willingness to give of themselves, their time and energies. Second, to show to all people that the American teenagers are of the highest moral standards, culturally unexcelled in their ambitions to create a lasting friendship and understanding of the American way of life. And, to banish the opinion that

some forms of alien propaganda would have you believe — that our young people are "teen-age hoodlums and back street hoods". The third purpose is to reflect wherever they go that the security and progress of a better world rests in the hands of the young people throughout the world whose faith is anchored in self confidence and faith in God.

Mr. Cox said "These young people will truly be the architects of the future and our hope for a better world".

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