

Film Stars Toast His Majesty At Jubilee Ball In Hollywood

N.Z. Girl Broadcasts Description from KFI

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HOW important a part radio played in the King's Silver Jubilee celebrations is fully recognized, especially by New Zealanders, who were grateful for the fine services provided through the Empire stations last week. Yet a brief broadcast of more than passing interest that conveyed the goodwill of Americans to their British cousins in their homage to their beloved sovereign was that conducted through the popular Los Angeles station, KFI, at midnight on Monday, May 6.

Especially was the broadcast of interest to New Zealanders, as it comprised a happy talk by their talented sister, Nola Luxford, the screen actress, now connected with the Hollywood studios. She stepped into the part as aptly as on the memorable occasions on which she spoke to the Antipodes from the enterprising KFI during the Los Angeles Olympic Games in 1932. Altogether she spoke for about ten minutes, and in that time she gave a graphic description of events at the special dinner and ball held as their contributions to the jubilee celebrations by British persons now resident in California.

"God bless him," was the earnest prayer of the American nation along with the British Empire, said Miss Luxford, who was proud of the whole-hearted spirit of goodwill offered by the American people.

The highlight of the jubilee ball was the arrival at 11 p.m. of a parade of Canadian and American returned soldiers, their standard bearers heading the ranks and holding high the beloved emblems of their respective nationalities. Following the playing of "Land of Hope and Glory" by the jubilee band, the National Anthem was sung. Americans as well as Britons singing the noble words in an extremely impressive manner. Numer-

ous British members of the Hollywood film colony were among the participants in the Californian celebrations, some of those mentioned including

Charlie Chaplin, Mary Pickford, Herbert Marshall, Ronald Colman, Herbert Mundin, Sir Robert Standing, and his brother, Miles Standing. In bidding farewell to her listeners, Miss Luxford said: "Gentlemen of the British Empire and America, 'The King.'"



MEET SOME OF THE GUESTS.—Here are some of the famous film stars who toasted his Majesty at the Jubilee Ball in Hollywood last week. At the top is Sylvia Sydney; below her on the left is Pat Paterson, the Yorkshire girl who is making great progress at the Fox studios; in the centre is Norma Shearer, a Canadian by birth; on the right is Warner Baxter who is co-starred with Janet Gaynor (bottom right) in "One More Spring," due for early release in New Zealand; bottom left is Leslie Howard, one of the most popular Englishmen in Hollywood.