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Merchant Seamen's Club Opening Today

The opening late this afternoon of the American Theatre Wing Merchant Seamen's Club will be a gala affair with stars of stage, radio, movies, opera and night clubs pitching in with a will to entertain the courageous merchant seamen.

Throughout the evening, those who will do their stint on the new club's miniature stage include: Lawrence Tibbett of the Metropolitan Opera Company, beautiful Lena Horne, the singer from Savoy Plaza; Lili Damita and Conrad Nagel of motion pictures; Joe E. Lewis, the comedian from the Copacabana, Frank Paris and his puppets, Lucy Monroe, Carmen Miranda and Beatrice Kaye.

The Club's doors, located at 107 West 43rd Street, will be formally opened at 5:30 P. M. in the presence of dignitaries of State, the Merchant Marines and the Navy.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt will formally cut the tape to officially open the new home to the Merchant Marine. A ceremony, dedicating the new Club, to which the heads of all the Maritime unions, including Captain Hugh Mulzac, Negro skipper, have been invited, will begin at 2:30 P. M.

The new Club will be open daily from 5 P. M. until midnight and merchant seamen from all the United Nations will be welcome. Stage celebrities and name bands will put on shows every evening. Hostesses for dancing will be young ladies who are members of the Theatre Wing. Here also the seamen will find a games room, a library, desks for letter-writing and free seats, for the asking, to Broadway plays, movies and sporting events of all kinds.

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