

All-Day Radio For Big Parade

The big event of the year for the military garrison in Hongkong is the annual Queen's Birthday Parade, when the Navy, Army and Air Force are on show.



SIR LAURENCE OLIVIER will give readings for Shakespeare's birthday.

Marching columns of soldiers, trained dogs, mules, weird vehicles, mobile artillery pieces, jaunty Gurkha troops swinging along to the skirl of bagpipes, and the thunder of saluting guns make this parade the showpiece of the year.

For those who cannot join the thousands who will be lining the streets on Tuesday morning, Radio Hongkong will be remaining on the air all day.

At 8.55 a.m. listeners will share in the grand spectacle as Derek Hogg and Bill Dorward describe the scene from the saluting dais.

This year's coverage of the event will include interviews with some of the men who are taking part, in which they will talk of their careers in the service, and discuss the tremendous preparation which goes into the organisation of an event of this magnitude.

The Soul Shaker

Handel, one of the greatest composers of all time, whose works with those of Bach represent the climax of eighteenth century music, has been dead for two hundred years.

The son of a barber surgeon from Halle in Germany, George Frederick Handel lived most of his life in England and became a naturalised British subject.

His incredible output includes 46 operas and 32 oratorios, among which the now famous "Messiah" is the best known.

To mark the 200th anniversary of the death of this genius Radio Hongkong will be broadcasting

a musical biography written by Colin Shaw and produced for the BBC by Arthur Spencer.

Thursday, sees the 350th anniversary of the birth of Shakespeare.

In celebration of the occasion Radio Hongkong is broadcasting a programme in tribute to England's greatest poet.

"Married to Immortal Verse" will include songs from the plays sung by Elizabeth Schwarzkopf, readings by Sir Laurence Olivier from Hamlet, Henry V, Richard



Hongkong Soprano Barbara Fei

III, extracts from Richard II, and readings of the sonnets by Sir John Gielgud, and part of the Old Vic's production of Romeo and Juliet with Alan Badel and Claire Bloom.

The programme at 9.15 is compiled and introduced by Timothy Birch.

Barbara Fei, a young Chinese soprano, who for the past two years has been studying in Paris, marks her return with a special recital in Radio Hongkong's "From the Concert Hall" which will be on the air at 9.00 on Wednesday evening.

For this broadcast she has selected a programme of songs by Schubert, Brahms, Wolf, Strauss and Ravel.

Accompanying her at the piano will be Radio Hongkong's Irene Yuen.

Castaway

This evening at 7.00 Irene Yuen will be the guest of Ted Thomas in his regular Saturday programme Castaway's Choice.

Miss Yuen, Radio Hongkong's music producer, is also an accomplished concert pianist, having studied for several years in the United States.

Since her return to Hongkong she has performed as soloist with the H.K. Philharmonic Orchestra.

Radio Clubhouse

The second in the new series of broadcasts of Radio Clubhouse can be heard at 6.45 on Wednesday evening.

Staged in King George Hall at the Mission to Seamen in Gloucester Road, this show has been a complete sellout since it was first advertised.

Applications for this week's programme already amount to twice the number that can be accommodated, and those who wish to attend any future broadcasts should apply now for tickets.

Admission tickets are allocated only to the first two hundred who apply.

Melody Lingers

Tomorrow evening at 7.00 Gillian Durling will present another half hour of evergreen music in her programme "The Melody Lingers On."

In building her programme Miss Durling has chosen music which older listeners will remember well and which the younger generation may recognise as music that has stood the test of time.