



## Fire House benefit



The City's goal of raising \$1.7 million for its new Fire House got a big boost recently at a Radio City Music Hall benefit which raised over \$400,000 in one night. Chairman of the Benefit Committee was Kenneth D. Laub, President of Kenneth D. Laub & Co., Inc., who organized the event as an 80th Birthday Tribute to comedian Bob Hope. Joining Mr. Laub, and heading the Capital Campaign, were George T. Scharffenberger, Chairman of City Investing, and Fred R. Sullivan, Chairman of Kidde Inc.

Also on hand to lend their support were Mayor Edward I. Koch, actress Susan Anton, sportscaster Howard Cosell, Chrysler Corporation President Lee Iacocca and New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner. Contributions were raised from many of New York's leading corporations and institutions, among them City Investing, Manufacturers Hanover Trust and the Chase Bank.

The Fire House is being developed on a non-profit basis at 258 Spring Street, the

original home of Engine Company #30. It will house the world's most complete collection of fire-fighting memorabilia, valued at more than \$3 million, much of which is being contributed by the Home Insurance Company. Among the items included will be 17th Century Dutch fire buckets, 19th Century alarm boxes (which couldn't be opened without a key), and a variety of 19th Century pumpers and steamers.

In addition, the Fire House will function as a state-of-the-art teaching facility, including audio-visual programs in fire safety, exhibits marking the firefighter's place in New York City history and other programs aimed at increasing the public awareness of the need for fire prevention. Visitors will be offered the opportunity to try carrying water-filled hoses, sit on the antique vehicles and wear firefighters' uniforms. Many programs will be aimed at school children, who are expected to be regular field trip visitors.

