

Thirteen replicas of the Liberty Bell, the first shipment of 53 to be used in connection with the Independence Savings Bond campaign of the U.S. Treasury Department, arrived recently (April 21, 1950) in the United States from Anneoy, France, where they were cast. During the 6-week campaign, which begins May 15, 1950, and ends July 4, 1950, the bells will be exhibited in 2,500 cities. One bell will be assigned to each of the 48 States with others going to the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Alaska and Puerto Rico. Each of the replicas weighs one ton, and stands six feet high with its mounting. The original Liberty Bell, rung July 4, 1776, when the 13 North American colonies proclaimed their independence at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, hangs in Independence Hall, national shrine in Philadelphia.

The photograph shows Leon J. Markham, national sales director, Savings Bonds Division of the U.S. Treasury Department, ringing one of the bells on the deck of the steamship Excalibur which brought the first shipment of 13 bells to Jersey City, New Jersey. The Statue of Liberty is in the background.  
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