

Thirteen replicas of the Liberty Bell, the first shipment of 52 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 Annecy, 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 one of the 13 Liberty bells being unloaded from the hold of the steamship Excalibur at Jersey City, New Jersey. In the background are other bells in the first shipment from France. (29-82900)

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C-50 1.- Interior de la bodega del barco que transportó desde Francia el primer envío de reproducciones de la famosa Campana de la Libertad.

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