

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 replicas on the deck of the steamship Excalibur after the arrival of the first shipment at Jersey City, New Jersey. Captain Ernest H. Nelson, of the Excalibur (at the left of the replica) is officially presenting the bell to Leon J. Markham, of the U.S. Treasury Department's Savings Bond Division. (SD-62836. For further information, see European Regional Wireless Bulletin, File No. 61, April 21, 1950.)

(Note: Plastic plates on this picture are being processed and should reach your mission shortly.)

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3.- Un momento de la ceremonia oficial de entrega de una de las campanas, hecha por el Capitán del buque que las transportó desde Inglaterra a León J. Markham, alto funcionario del Departamento del Tesoro norteamericano.

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