



GO OVER PLANS—Fourth of July aims of the nationwide Committee to Proclaim Liberty are studied in a conference here by (from left, seated) W. C. Mullendore and Dr. James W. Fifield Jr. and (standing, from left) Hal Conner, James C. Ingebretsen and William Johnson.

Committee of 58 Rallies U. S. to Freedom Thanksgiving July 4

This Fourth of July will witness an unforgettable celebration, of a grateful nation thanking God for its Freedom.

Church bells will ring out across the land.

Ministers will ascend their pulpits on the Independence Sabbath preceding the holiday, to preach a special text:

"Freedom under God."

A nationwide broadcast will remind millions of Americans everywhere that the Fourth of July is a time of religious thanksgiving.

PROGRAM—

This God-centered observance is the inspiration of 58 famous Americans of all faiths—including former President Herbert Hoover and General Douglas MacArthur—who have created the Committee to Proclaim Liberty.

The committee's plans were explained yesterday by its leaders in a conference at the California Club.

Dr. James W. Fifield Jr., pastor of the First Congregational Church, said the idea is a simple, soul-searching program to relate freedom and God in the minds of the people.

The Fourth of July began as a religious celebration, he pointed out, citing the Biblical phrase inscribed 175 years ago on the Liberty Bell:

"Proclaim Liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof."

Americans of all religions and races, men of industry, and men of labor, are on the committee.

"This could be the beginning of a new day," said Dr. Fifield, "for Freedom in America."

Others at the conference include the committee coordinator, James C. Ingebretsen, executive vice president of Spiritual Mobilization; W. C. Mullendore, president of Southern California Edison Company; Hal Conner, producer of the "Freedom Story" broadcast, and William Johnson, editor of the religious magazine, "Faith and Freedom."

FOUNDERS—

Mullendore said the committee believes the "root cause of the disintegration of freedom here, and of big government, is the disintegration of the nation's spiritual foundations, as found in the Declaration of Independence.

"We want to revive that basic American credo, which is the

spiritual basis of our Constitution."

The list of committee founders contains 56 names, corresponding with the number of signers of the Declaration of Independence. It follows:

Don Belding, Erwin D. Canham, Gen. Mark W. Clark, Erle Cocke Jr., Bing Crosby, Cecil B. DeMille, Walt Disney, Charles E. Dunbar Jr., Richard L. Evans, Dr. James W. Fifield Jr., Y. Frank Freeman, L. M. Giannini, Dr. Edgar J. Goodspeed, Conrad N. Hilton, Oveta Culp Hobby, Paul G. Hoffman, Herbert Hoover, Rupert Hughes, D. A. Huley, B. E. Hutchinson, James C. Ingebretsen, James L. Kraft, Fulton Lewis Jr., General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, Clarence Manion, Rabbi Samuel S. Mayefberg, Hughston McBain, Bishop Eugene J. McGuinness, Dr. Robert A. Millikan, Adm. Ben Moreell, Felix Morley, W. C. Mullendore, Kathleen Norris.

Fulton Oursler, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, J. Howard Pew, Dr. Roscoe Pound, Leonard E. Read, Ronald Reagan, Mrs. Hope Reed, Capt. Eddie V. Rickenbacker, Branch Rickey, Jackie Robin-

son, O. A. Seyferth, Margaret Chase Smith, George E. Sokolsky, Robert G. Sproul, Meier Steinbrink, Robert G. Storey, Gloria Swanson, Dorothy Thompson, C. E. Wilson, Matthew Woll, Lt.

Gen. A. C. Wedemeyer and Henry Wriston.