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Statement to be made by Vincent R. Impellitteri, President of the Council of the City of New York, on May 15, 1950, at 10:30 A.M., before tolling the Bell.

Today, the United States Savings Bonds Independence Drive opens throughout the Nation, continuing through the Fourth of July. Its symbol is the Liberty Bell. Its slogan is: "Save for Your Independence -- Buy United States Savings Bonds."

On behalf of your Mayor, William O'Dwyer, I urge all who are able to do so to buy an extra Bond during the Independence Drive. Buy them at any bank or post office.

And now I will officially open the Independence Drive in New York City by ringing this exact full-scale replica of the Liberty Bell. It is fitting that a replica of the Liberty Bell should be rung on this site, for it was here that the Declaration of Independence was first read to the citizens of this city one hundred and seventy-four years ago.

The tone you are about to hear is the same tone that the founding fathers of our great Nation -- the signers of the Declaration of Independence -- heard when the original Liberty Bell was rung in 1776 to announce that the Declaration had been signed.

(Impellitteri rings Bell.)

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY HALL
NEW YORK 7, N. Y.

RELEASE THURSDAY, MAY 18, 1950

The World Trade flag will be raised over City Hall tomorrow (Friday) during ceremonies scheduled to begin at 11:00 A.M. City Council President Vincent Impellitteri will preside.

At the same time Mayor O'Dwyer will issue two official proclamations, calling for the observance of 1950 New York World Trade Week, May 21st-27th, and of National Maritime Day, May 22nd.

The World Trade Week proclamation will be presented in the form of a mural-sized painting, six feet by four feet, illustrating the world areas served by New York foreign trade groups. The painting is the work of City Fireman-artist Edward Brady.

The World Trade and Maritime Day proclamations will be received by committees headed by James S. Carson, General Chairman of the New York World Trade Week Committee, and Frank J. Taylor, President of the American Merchant Marine Institute, Inc.

Maritime Day will be observed with a parade down Broadway, exercises at the Customs House and a luncheon at the Downtown Athletic Club. Port of Friendship Day, Friday, May 26th, climaxing World Trade Week, will feature a Pageant of Pan-American Friendship to be held at City Hall beginning at 12:00 Noon.

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STATEMENT BY VETERANS COMMITTEE
FOR VINCENT R. IMPELLITTERI

"Vincent R. Impellitteri is a staunch champion of all war veterans. As a veteran himself, he understands and is sympathetic to the veterans' point of view and at all times has been an enthusiastic participant in veteran activities.

"Through his personal affiliations with veterans -- as a past Commander of the T.J. Oakley Rhinelander 2nd, Post No. 6, of the American Legion; as a trustee of the Michael J. Lynch Post No. 831, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Aide de Camp to the National Commander; and as a member of the Father Duffy Post No. 54, of the Catholic War Veterans -- he has demonstrated a loyal and active interest in veterans' problems. Mr. Impellitteri has been cited by the Catholic War Veterans, New York Department, for his patriotic efforts and by the East Side Post No. 4, Jewish War Veterans of U.S.A. "for his outstanding interfaith services to the community."

"During his tenure of office as President of the City Council, he has consistently cooperated with veterans' organizations throughout the city and has espoused their causes with the full weight of his office and the full vigor of his personal efforts.

"He is held in high esteem in all veteran circles as an understanding friend, as a capable public servant, and as an outstanding American. It is our considered opinion that he possesses the qualities of personal dignity, unimpeachable character and proven ability as a public official that make him most worthy of the Mayoralty. We are happy, as representative veterans of New York, to urge his candidacy and give him our heartfelt and enthusiastic support."

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