

NOTE TO CORRESPONDENTS

At 4 p.m. on Tuesday, 8 June, the peace bell given to the United Nations by the United Nations Association of Japan will be formally presented to the Organization by Ambassador Renzo Sawada, Japanese Observer to the UN, on behalf of the Association.

Benjamin Cohen, Assistant Secretary-General for the UN Department of Public Information, will accept the bell on behalf of the Secretary-General. In attendance, at the temporary location of the bell on the west side of the Conference Building, will be members of the Japanese community in New York and officials of the United Nations.

The bell, cast from coins donated from some 60 nations and individual contributions of various kinds of metal, measures three feet, three inches in height, two feet in diameter at its base, and weighs 256 pounds. It is housed in a typical Japanese Shinto shrine-like structure made of Japanese cypress wood.

Inscribed on one side of the bell, in Japanese characters, are the words, "Long Live Absolute World Peace." On the opposite side is the inscription: "Completed at the Tada factory on United Nations Day, October 24, 1952, by Chiyoji Nakagawa, member of the United Nations Association of Japan who, in praying for the materialization of the spirit of harmony of the United Nations, obtained cooperation in collecting the coins of many nations. Donated to the United Nations from the United Nations Association of Japan in the name of the Japanese people."

Over 200 coins of different nations were donated for the bell by delegates of 60 nations present at the 13th General Conference of United Nations Associations held in Paris in 1951.

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