PRELIMINARY DRAFT

FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION
of the
AMERICAN FREEDOM ASSOCIATION
May 1 and 2, 1954
Greensboro, N. C.

May 1, Saturday

Board of Directors Meeting: Mayfair Cafeteria, Elm and Gaston Streets

4:00 P.M. -- Registration for Directors and others attending this meeting
4:30 P.M. -- Board of Directors Dinner and Business Meeting (open to AFA members and advisors) "Dutch"

Alumnae House: W.C. U.N.C. (off Spring Garden Street)

7:00 P.M. -- Registration of Delegates (Registration Fee, $2.00) and Guests - (AFA Literature Exhibit)
7:45 P.M. -- Convention Opening Session (not a Dinner meeting)
** Welcome: Mr. O. K. Merritt, Chrmn., AFA Board of Directors, Mt. Airy
** Master of Ceremonies: Major L. P. McLendon, Greensboro
* Invocation:
* Greetings from U.S. Government: Hon. Charles R. Jonas, MC
* Greetings from State of NC: Lt. Gov. Luther Hodges
* Greetings from the City of Greensboro:
** The American Freedom Association: Commander G. W. Greene, Salisbury, N. C.
** Recognition of AFA officers: Major L. P. McLendon
** Presentation of AFA 1953 World Peace Award: Hon. Thurmond Chatham, M.C. from N. C.
** Acceptance of Award and Main Address: Hon. Guy M. Gillette, U.S. Senator from Iowa
* Closing Prayer:
9:45 P.M. -- Brief Reception of AFA members and their personal guests

** Confirmed

May 2, Sunday

10:00 A.M. -- Sunday School: Room 311, W. Market St. Methodist Church; Mr. McNeill Smith, teacher. Topic: "Three Kinds of Peace."
11:00 A.M. -- Church services at the church of your choice.
2:00 P.M. -- General Convention: (literature exhibit)
** Presiding officer: Mr. O. K. Merritt, Chrmn. of the Board of Directors
* Invocation:
** Report on AFA: Peter P. Cooper, Executive Director
** Report of Finance Committee: David Judson, Chairman
* Statement on AFA Financial Support: Dr. Frank Hanft
** Report of Program Committee and adoption of 1954-55 Program: Mr. S. R. Levering, Chairman
** Report of Nominations Committee and election of Directors: Comdr. G. W. Greene
* Closing Prayer:
* Adjournment: 4:00 P.M.
4:15 P.M. -- Brief Meeting of the new Board of Directors to elect officers and set date of next Board meeting.

(This is a preliminary draft of the Program. It is being sent now so you can make plans to attend the convention. A final, printed Program will be available in a few days.)