

UNITED NATIONS DAY

Radio listeners all over the country will on Sunday hear the United Nations Day ceremony to be held in the old Market Place of Aylesbury.

Aylesbury has been selected as a typical English town presenting a typical ceremony.

There, in a ~~Market~~ Place lined with XVth century houses, shops and inns, overlooked by the brick and stone town hall and county hall standing side by side, by a 70-foot high clock tower and by statues of John Hampden and Disraeli, the American-born woman Mayor will read the Government message.

Councillor Mrs. Olive Paterson's grandfather fought in the American Civil War. Her husband is the head of an engineering concern.

A parade of men and women of the fighting services including units from Allied forces will assemble at 1.15 p.m. in the Market Place where a Royal Air Force band will play until 1.20, when the Mayor's reading of the Government Message will be heralded by a fanfare of trumpets.

Massed choirs from every church in the town will lead the singing of the Battle Hymn of the Republic and then, at the signal of another fanfare, the flags of every one of the United Nations will be marched from each side of the hollow square formed by the parade and placed at the saluting base, where a general salute will be called by a bugle call and the roll of drums. The ceremony will end with the singing of the National Anthem.

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Portsmouth's celebrations will naturally have a naval atmosphere, and naval officers will accompany the Lord Mayor to the square in front of the burned-out Guildhall where there will be a parade of the fighting services and units of civil defence organisations and massed bands.

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In 22 Midland cities and towns there will be parades and services in which every section of the armed forces, civil defence cadets, youth organisations, and workers will join.

Against a background of the last war's Hall of Memory, Birmingham is to fly flags of 22 united nations and from a parade of over 5,000 the Lord Mayor will take the salute.

Later there will be a service in the city centre.

Wolverhampton anticipates its biggest parade ever after a drum head service. Contingents of allied troops and their bands are to participate in many places.

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In Northern Ireland observance of United Nations Day will take the form of special church services and the flying of Allied flags.

Services will be attended by members of the Northern Ireland Government, members of both Houses of Parliament, and consular and service representatives of the United Nations. Pulpit references will be made to the ideals for which the Allied nations are fighting and prayers will be offered for the success of the Allied cause.

The Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, Mr. J.M. Andrews, has said:

"The fundamental purpose of United Nations day is to strengthen and deepen the sense of unity that inspires us all. This can best be achieved by the remembrance of our solemn responsibilities and the renewal of our resolve to do our part faithfully in the common cause."