AMERICAN BAR GROUP TO MARK 'LAW DAY U.S.A.' : President Eisenhower Issues Proclamation

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The American Bar Association announced yesterday that "Law Day U.S.A." will be observed May 1 by proclamation of President Eisenhower. It is the first nation-wide observance of such a day. The purpose is "to focus attention of the nation and the world on the role of law in American life."

The President, in his proclamation, called it a "day of national dedication to the principle of government under laws," and said he hoped it would demonstrate that law is "the heart and sinew of our nation" and "a beacon light for oppressed peoples seeking freedom, justice, and equality for the individual."

Law, Pillar of Peace

The A.B.A. said it has asked 1,400 bar associations to set up special programs for laymen's organizations, schools, and colleges.

Charles S. Rhynne, president of the A.B.A. said the occasion afforded a "dramatic opportunity for the American people to reaffirm their faith in law and justice as the only foundation for peace in the world."

Stratton Comment

Gov. Stratton said it "will afford an opportunity for Americans in all walks of life to demonstrate, to themselves and to the world, that their dedication to freedom under law remains strong and unshakeable."

The A.B.A. said that many law schools will take part in the observance and that the National Conference of Bar Presidents, heads of local and state bar associations, will make detailed plans for the observance in Atlanta next Saturday and Sunday.

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