NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN F. KENNEDY, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning May 14, 1961, as National Transportation Week; and I urge all our people to join in appropriate activities and ceremonies with the various branches of the transportation industry and representatives of governmental agencies in such manner as will afford an opportunity for the people of each community to recognize the importance of a prosperous and efficient transportation system.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this sixteenth day of May in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and eighty-fifth.

JOHN F. KENNEDY

By the President:

CHESTER BOWLES,
Acting Secretary of State.

UNITED NATIONS DAY, 1961

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

WHEREAS the United Nations has clearly demonstrated its capacity to act as a force for peace and human advancement, and has provided a dynamic spirit which is leading the nations of the world along the road to human progress; and

WHEREAS the United Nations is available to assist all nations and peoples in their efforts to combat hunger, disease, and despair; and

WHEREAS the United States strongly supports the United Nations, the Charter of which is rooted in ideals and aspira-
tions which we share with freedom­loving people in all parts of the world; and

WHEREAS the United States considers that this world organization is an indispensable instrument of international peace, economic improvement, and social development, and that any attempt to destroy it would be a blow aimed directly at the independence and security of nations, large and small; and

WHEREAS the General Assembly of the United Nations has resolved that October twenty-fourth, the anniversary of the coming into force of the United Nations Charter, should be dedicated each year to making known the purposes, principles, and accomplishments of the United Nations:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN F. KENNEDY, President of the United States of America, do hereby urge the citizens of this Nation to observe Tuesday, October 24, 1961, as United Nations Day by means of community programs which will demonstrate their faith in the United Nations and contribute to a better understanding of its aims, problems, and accomplishments.

I also call upon the officials of the Federal and State Governments and upon local officials to encourage citizen groups and agencies of the press, radio, television, and motion pictures to engage in appropriate observance of United Nations Day throughout the land in cooperation with the United States Committee for the United Nations and other organizations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this twenty-second day of May in the year
of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and eighty-fifth.

JOHN F. KENNEDY

By the President:

DEAN RUSK,
Secretary of State.

FLAG DAY, 1961

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

WHEREAS the American flag is emblematic of a Nation indivisible, though its people are of diverse ethnic strains, races, and religions; and
WHEREAS our flag symbolizes the ideals of freedom, justice, and brotherhood, which are deeply rooted in our political and spiritual traditions and which have helped our country to become a land of progress and a rampart of liberty; and
WHEREAS in combat our flag has always been a guide and inspiration to our armed forces, who have given valiant expression to man's eternal striving for freedom; and
WHEREAS these times call for renewed vitality, moral fervor, and intellectual understanding to safeguard the ideals and principles which our flag represents; and
WHEREAS the Congress, by a joint resolution approved August 3, 1949 (63 Stat. 492), designated June 14 of each year as Flag Day, in commemoration of the adoption of the flag of the United States by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777, and requested the President to issue annually a proclamation calling for its observance:
NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN F. KENNEDY, President of the United States of America, do hereby direct that the flag of the United States be displayed