

Nassau Scouts to Distribute 250,000 Patriotic Pamphlets

By Val Duncan

Roslyn—Within the next few weeks, Nassau County will be blanketed by almost 250,000 leaflets to remind citizens of their American heritage, the love of freedom and respect for the flag.

The massive pamphlet campaign will be conducted by 34,000 Nassau Boy Scouts, aided by Elks clubs and other civic and fraternal organizations. Plans for the drive were announced yesterday at a kickoff luncheon at the Harkness Training Center by Gen. Blackshear M. Bryan, president of Nassau Community College and chairman of the new Strengthen America's Heritage Committee. He said the pamphlets, which dramatize the role of Scouting in preserving the traditions of democracy and the ideals of the Founding Fathers, would be placed in firehalls, churches and headquarters of various organizations. The effort is being made in cooperation with the Freedom Foundation.

"It will go far in developing a stronger citizenry that will prove Premier Khrushchev a liar when he said at the United Nations that our grandchildren would grow up under communism," Bryan said.

Bryan, a 1922 West Point graduate, who helped

develop Scouting in Japan and the Philippines, said Scouting was a powerful deterrent against juvenile crime. "Of the youngsters that face judges in our courts, those with Scout training are very rare," he said.

The campaign, he said, was not only directed toward good citizenship but also to help recruit scout leaders. If enough enlist in the cause, he said, Nassau's Scout total would reach the 50,000 mark. The summer program, he said, would include the urging of all to display their colors on Flag Day, June 14, the opening of Camp Wauwepex on June 27, the departure of 450 Nassau boys for the Scout Jamboree at Valley Forge, Pa., on July 15, and special bonfire and band pageantry at a rally on July 18, the site of which has not been determined.

James M. Davenport, deputy county executive, announced that the annual meeting of the Nassau Council would be held on Thursday in the new Long Island Lighting Co. facility at Hicksville. The event will honor Richard A. Blauvelt, who is retiring as Scout executive after 16 years, and will welcome the new executive, Donald Teisberg of Chicago, who is moving to Nassau.