

# *Air Force Association*

Today and the next four days, Dallas is the center for one of three unusual organizations that constitute themselves civil and military watchdogs for the good of the three major components of the armed services of the country, Army, Navy, Air Force. This is the group representing the third and youngest that has selected Dallas as its 1958 convention city, the Air Force Association. The five-day meeting will assemble here an impressive number of the top military and civil aviation leaders of the country as well as a representative showing of the machinery in which the heavy responsibility of the security of the republic is placed.

The Air Force is an oak that has grown and spread from the very small acorn that back in World War I was the Aviation Section of the Signal Corps of the United States Army. Through War II, our major concentration of air defense was still the Army Air Corps. The co-starred Air Force is a postwar entity that now flexes its own muscles and expects to take the brunt of the next war, whether it is fought in the immediate circumambient or space.

The Air Force Association relaxes as we all do. But the five days here will be crammed with technical and military conferences, talks, discussions. From it will emerge concrete programs that are designed to make America strong from the air military viewpoint.

As Francis Raffetto remarked on this page last week, Dallas has become temporarily the air capital of the country.