

COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Group Readies Parley For AF Association

The Air Force Association's Dallas Squadron began preparations Monday night for what Chairman Al Harting predicted might be the biggest meeting of people interested in Air Force problems in the nation's history.

Between 2,550 and 3,000 AFA members plus representatives from allied air industries, regular Air Force officers and civilian personnel are expected to converge on Dallas for the National AFA Convention Sept. 24-28.

Dallas was chosen over Cleveland as convention site two years ago in New Orleans, La.

"Dallas has had the biggest advance registration in the history of the convention," Harting told his Merchantile National Bank Auditorium audience of 125 AFA members and Air Force partisans.

The AFA convention in San Francisco last year spent more money in that city than did the Republican National Convention there.

Harting, Southwest Airmotive Company vice-president in charge of public relations, got a laugh when he said the convention last year drew not only 120 corpora-

tion presidents, but also 82 generals averaging 2½ stars each.

"The AFA is used as a launching pad for telling the Air Force story. Each year the AFA theme and recommendations are keyed to the Air Force's current needs," Harting commented.

The convention will be centered in the Adolphus, Baker and Statler-Hilton Hotels, with Dallas Memorial Auditorium focal point for the larger gatherings. Along with formal AFA programs, special groups such as World War II night fighters, Doolittle's Raiders and Medal of Honor winners gather in side meetings.

Following are committee chairmen named Monday:

Information, Carr P. Collins Jr.; registration, Capt. James Rose; arrangements and functions, M. L. McLaughlin; transportation, Forrest Cannon; panorama, Tom McHale; reception, LaVerne Guinn; airports, Brig. Gen. C. R. Bullock, Col. Joe Earle and James Lockhart Jr.; special activities (Western Wing + Ding) James Lovell; public relations, John Johnson; decorations, James K. Wilson Jr.