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Washington, D. C., Sept. 22, -- The Vice President, Honorable John N. Garner, as Chairman of the Will Rogers Memorial Commission, today made the following announcement:

"At the request of friends, I have agreed to act as Chairman of a Will Rogers Memorial Commission, the purpose of which is to crystallize the nation-wide sentiment which calls for some tangible expression of the regard in which Will Rogers was held by people in all walks of life.

"As Chairman, I am announcing the initial plans and the selection of some committees. Committees must later be set up throughout the country so that everyone can participate in the memorial.

"Memorials have been suggested for Claremore in his native State Oklahoma, and for his adopted State, California. And there may be other communities that will want especially to honor his memory.

"The plan so far perfected, includes a large Will Rogers Memorial Commission, of which I will be Chairman, with the following Vice Chairmen: Governor E. W. Marland of Oklahoma; Fred Stone, Will's lifelong friend, now of California; Amon G. Carter of Fort Worth, Texas; and Rex Beach of New York City. Jesse H. Jones of Texas and Washington will be Treasurer. All checks and contributions should be sent to Mr. Jones at his office, care of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, Washington, D. C.

"There will be a Committee on Memorials, a somewhat larger Executive Committee, and a Committee on Operations.

"The Committee on Memorials will decide as to the type and character of the memorial or memorials to be undertaken, and will necessarily be guided by the amount of money raised. It is the belief of those of his friends who are fostering the movement, including the organization meeting recently held with Governor Marland in Oklahoma City, that whatever is done shall bespeak the simplicity of Will Rogers himself and take the form of a definite and enduring help to humanity - to the simple things of life which, after all, are the foundations of civilization. This principle is paramount.

"The Operations Committee will have general charge of, and coordinate the activities for raising funds, and will be under the Chairmanship of Owen D. Young, with Eddie Rickenbacker, America's War Ace, as Director, F. Trubee Davison, former Assistant Secretary of War in Charge of Aviation, and Amelia Earhart, Associate Directors. Members of this Committee will be representative of the many phases of life of which Will Rogers was so much a part.

"Every dollar and every dime contributed will go to the memorial fund in full, the expenses of the Committee being otherwise provided.

"Suggestions as to the form of the memorial or memorials will be welcome from any who participate in the movement, however small their contribution may be."

The following central committees have been appointed:

Executive Committee:

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Silsby Spaulding
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(More names to be added)

Committee on Memorials:

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Amon G. Carter
James M. Cox
Charles Curtis
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Charles G. Dawes
Henry Ford
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Alfred E. Smith
Fred Stone
Owen D. Young

From Oklahoma

Dr. J. C. Bushyhead, Claremore
Patrick J. Hurley, Tulsa
Mrs. Roberta Lawson, Tulsa

From California

Harry Chandler, Los Angeles
Herbert Fleischacker, San Francisco
George Young, Los Angeles

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Director - - - - - Eddie Rickenbacker
Associate Directors - - F. Trubee Davison
Amelia Earhart

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Charles (Andy) Correll
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Aviation - - - - - Juan Trippe

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Kent Cooper, Associated Press
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