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## A CHALLENGE TO MR. FARLEY

From the moment the organization of the American Liberty League was announced, the New Deal administration has sought to discredit and misrepresent the League. From Mr. Roosevelt himself on down through the New Deal hierarchy of spokesmen, including Ickes, Wallace and Tugwell, this attempt has been made continuously. The high point of slanderous misrepresentation, thus far, was reached in a speech opening the New Deal Convention at Philadelphia by James A. Farley, New Deal National Chairman, who some months ago made the superfluous announcement that this is to be one of the dirtiest campaigns in history and who apparently is laboring to make his prediction come true. Mr. Farley's statement was challenged by the Executive Committee of the League meeting in New York on June 30th as follows:

"Heretofore the American Liberty League has not attempted to defend itself against the malicious defamation and vituperation uttered by spokesmen for the New Deal. It glories in the fact that its advocacy of constitutional principles has aroused the bitter enmity of men who would overthrow those principles. There is, however, one false accusation made by a man holding a responsible public office which the League feels it necessary to call to definite attention.

"James A. Farley, Postmaster General of the United States, in his capacity as party Chairman, made the following statement in his speech opening the New Deal Convention at Philadelphia last week:

"'Behind the Republican ticket is the crew of the du Pont Liberty League and their allies, which have so far financed every under-cover agency that has disgraced American politics with their appeal to race prejudice, religious intolerance and personalities so gross that they had to be repudiated by the regular Republican organization. They will continue to disown these snaky assaults -- and to seek to profit by them.'

"Such false and defamatory language goes beyond the limit of self-respect and cannot remain unnoticed. It is incredible that any man, no matter what his background, occupying high official position would in any circumstance make such representation without convincing evidence.

"The American Liberty League challenges Mr. Farley to produce concrete evidence in support of his statement that the League has financed any 'under-cover agency that has disgraced American politics with their appeal to race prejudice, religious intolerance,' etc.

"The American Liberty League was created as a non-partisan organization to defend our traditional constitutional system of government against the many attacks being made upon it. By a campaign of education and by factual analyses of legislative proposals the League has endeavored to bring clearly before the people the efforts that are being made to substitute unsuccessful and discredited experiments for our accepted form of government. To the course outlined in the beginning the League has rigidly adhered. It has been forced to take public issue with many legislative and administrative activities of the Roosevelt administration, because daily the fact has become more clear that they are destructive to our institutions and intended to transform the fundamental principles of our Government.