

branches. Where one man, or one bureau, is law-maker, prosecuting attorney, judge, jury, and sheriff, there is no protection for the citizen.

There is no justification, under the traditional American system of government, for permitting an executive bureau to issue orders having the force of laws and subjecting citizens to criminal or civil penalties; there is no justification for permitting an executive official to take over the legislative prerogative of levying taxes and specifying the purposes and manner of disbursement of revenues.

The need for rigid observance of constitutional restrictions is always greater in emergencies than in more normal times because the emergencies produce constant pressure for disregard or evasion of limitations.

Such pressure is dangerous enough when exerted upon the Senate or the House, though in Congress the interests of one group or section may be counter-balanced by the conflict with other groups or sections and the net result is likely to be action in the interest of the entire nation. However, a totally different situation arises when Congress evades its constitutional responsibilities and delegates legislative powers to one man or one bureau.

### *What the Liberty League Believes*

The American Liberty League believes that Congress, having been elected to represent the people, should not shirk its task by delegat-

ing authority to bureaus to promulgate arbitrary regulations having the force of laws. Likewise, the League believes that Congress should not attempt to delegate judicial power to executive bureaus. The Courts of the nation and not government bureaus should pass upon questions of civil justice.

It is also the belief of the League that the right to authorize the spending of public funds and to raise revenue is solely the function of the legislative branch of the government and that balanced budgets and sound fiscal policies are possible only while Congress retains its full responsibility for the nature and manner of spending public money.

In its efforts to promote its beliefs before the American people, the League will deal in facts and not in visions. Its objective is to persuade the elective officials of the government to follow the principles in which the League believes.

The methods which the League will utilize while working for this objective will vary with the situations presented. However, they will be effective methods and they will be unremitting.



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# Why?

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