American Liberty League

EVERY AMERICAN CITIZEN who believes in the fundamental principles which gave birth to the Constitution should become a member of the American Liberty League.

The League was organized August 15, 1934, in the District of Columbia. Its charter states:

"It shall be a non-partisan organization."

"The particular business and objects of the Society shall be to defend and uphold the Constitution of the United States and to gather and disseminate information that (1) will teach the necessity of respect for the rights of persons and property as fundamental to every successful form of government, and (2) will teach the duty of government to encourage and protect individual and group initiative and enterprise, to foster the right to work, earn, save and acquire property, and to preserve the ownership and lawful use of property when acquired."

The League proposes to teach those things that will awaken in the hearts and minds of our people an appreciation of the necessity of cherishing, protecting, defending and fighting for those liberties and rights which are guaranteed by the Constitution and which must be preserved if we expect our form of government to endure.

Every citizen, man or woman, in the shop, in the field, in the mill, in the counting house, in the business world, in the home or in any walk of life, who believes in the aims and purposes of the League, has an opportunity to join through one of several divisions.

These divisions are the Farmers’ Division, the Labor Division, the Home Owners’ Division, the Life Insurance Policyholders’ Division, the Savings Depositors’ Division, the Stockholders’ Division, the Bondholders’ Division, the Shopkeepers’ Division, and others.

An Executive Committee of eighteen, chosen from different parts of the country, will be responsible for the conduct of the League.

A Supreme Advisory Council of fifty or sixty citizens, thoroughly representative of every section, will council and advise with the Executive Committee in its important work.

THE American Liberty League believes that human rights and property rights are inseparable. The League is neither for nor against the New Deal.

It is not for one political party as against another. The League believes in the two party system and will take no steps to bring about a change in the form of organization of either party, reserving the right to appeal to both parties to endorse the League’s principles.

The League hopes to and will be happy to have the support of President Roosevelt and other elected representatives of the people. As an organization the League will be neither for nor against any elected representatives, except as they may or may not share with it a devotion to the principles for which the League stands.

The League’s objective is to persuade elected officers of government in whatever rank to follow the principles for which it stands and to induce a majority of the voters in every State and every Congressional district to elect candidates, regardless of party affiliation, who have pledged allegiance to, and by their acts in public office have shown that they will carry out the principles of the American Liberty League.

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The American Liberty League believes in the following principles:

“We believe that the Congress of the United States should represent the people and should not shirk the task in any way by delegating its authority to bureaucrats under the guise of administrative ‘efficiency’ or through any other subterfuge.”

“We believe that Congress should make the laws and that bureaus or boards or commissions should not be permitted to promulgate arbitrary regulations or ‘decisions’ having the force of law or to apply punishments not contained in the law or to conduct trials without an adequate opportunity for review or appeal.”

“We believe that the courts of the nation and not government bureaus should pass upon questions of civil justice.”