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To Contributors and Friends of the Committee:

Many are frightened over the disturbing situation in Europe, but we in the United States have reason to be gravely concerned over the trend in our own country. Already we have gone a long way toward personal government. Possibly so far that we shall have serious difficulty in getting back to the constitutional system of our fathers.

Unfortunately, the danger of personal government will not have been averted even if the Supreme Court fight is won. Other bills, already drawn, held back for a favorable opportunity to push them through, are equally or more dangerous than the Supreme Court proposal itself. Many well informed observers of the Washington situation state that the Supreme Court scheme was intended as a gate-opener for other steps giving vastly increased personal power to the President over the Federal Government and to the Federal Government over the life and economic activity of the entire country. These steps are likely to be declared in the immediate future.

Bills presented by the President and passed by the legislators have centralized more and more power in the executive. The President has more peace time powers than any president in history. No one, even in Washington, knows just what and just how many powers he already has.

The President's power to spend government money involves sums too vast for the mind to grasp. In slightly more than four years, the President has been given discretionary powers over nearly fifteen billion dollars, almost eight times as much as 30 presidents in 143 years.

Thousands have urged the Committee to carry on this fight for constitutional government after the Supreme Court bill has been defeated, pledging themselves never to forget how their representatives vote on the President's Court altering bill. Since members of the Congress have shown how the public feels on the Supreme Court issue, they have become more independent.

Your Committee through its three and one-half months of work has established nationwide contacts with the press, the radio, with hundreds of thousands of civic leaders. Our files show the names of scores of thousands of willing volunteers, ready to cooperate in any further work that may be required.

To those who give financial or moral support should come the satisfaction of knowing that in a critical hour they have helped uphold democracy for themselves and for their children.

Sincerely yours,

Frank E. Gannett,
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P. S. Will you help financially to continue the Committee's educational work and broaden its scope to resist the expansion by the executive of his power over government?

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FINANCIAL REPORT TO CONTRIBUTORS
NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO UPHOLD CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT

STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS FEBRUARY 15th to SATURDAY, MAY 22, 1937,
INCLUSIVE

	<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Average per Contributor</u>
\$10 or less	7,472	\$37,666.48	5.04
\$11 to \$25	1,205	27,971.13	23.21
\$26 to \$50	299	14,775.00	49.41
\$51 to \$100	316	31,490.00	99.65
\$101 to \$500	96	26,050.00	271.35
Over \$500.00	10	10,500.00	1,050.00
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Total Contributions	9,398	\$148,452.61	15.80
Proceeds from Sale of Printing		597.20	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>\$149,049.81</u>	
Disbursements deducted:			
Checks drawn for Committee expenditures, etc.		<u>146,425.54</u>	
CASH BALANCE MAY 22nd, 1937		\$ 2,624.27	
Known Accounts Payable, May 21st, 1937			\$2,123.83
Cash Available for payment, above			<u>2,624.27</u>
Cash Excess, May 21st, 1937			<u>\$ 500.44</u>

CASH DISBURSEMENTS FROM FEBRUARY 15th UP TO AND INCLUDING MAY 1st, 1937

Postage	\$26,452.58
Preparing printing and addressing, including	
242,816 Hoovenized letters	
751,080 Multigraphed letters	
156,831 Press releases, enclosures, etc.	
2,564,000 printed Subscription blanks, radio addresses and petitions	
2,759,600 Photolith enclosures, educational material and talks	
2,861,000 reprints of Speeches by Senators and Congressmen and other material from Congressional record	64,320.28
Salaries – Washington and New York office, approximately 16 mailing supervisors, clerks, secretaries and experts preparing literature	8,761.58
Electrical Transcriptions and Recordings	2,514.50
Traveling Expenses	2,051.93
General Office Expenses	1,665.49
Telephone and Telegraph	911.89
Rent and Light	538.87
National City Bank, deposit to open “G” Account	<u>500.00</u>
TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$107,717.12</u>

Note: Since May 1st, 1937 the Committee has collected \$35,780.12. Because of the critical decisions in balance in Washington, these funds were expended as rapidly as they were received, leaving as of May 22nd, 1937 a Cash Excess over Accounts Payable of \$500.44.

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