

offing. It took place in Ohio; it took place in California; it took place in several other states. And every place it happened there were reductions in personnel employed by the State government; there were eliminations of useless and duplicating functions. I think we can do it here.

I didn't mean to talk quite so long, but I did want to get these points out to you about money, the spinach of government, and how difficult it is to explain a tax but how when we do it and when we know it is right we can't run from it. We're going to have to face it and face the criticism and knock it down where it occurs.

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### STATEMENT ON LAW DAY

May 1, 1967

"Liberty lies in the hearts of men and women; when it dies there, no constitution, no law, no court can save it . . . . The spirit of liberty is the spirit which is not too sure that it is right; the spirit of liberty is the spirit which seeks to understand the minds of other men and women . . . the spirit of liberty remembers that not even a sparrow falls to earth unheeded; the spirit of liberty is the spirit of Him who, nearly two thousand years ago, taught mankind that lesson it has never learned, but has never quite forgotten; that there may be a kingdom where the least shall be heard and considered side by side with the greatest."—Learned Hand.

Our thoughts on this "Law Day" may well begin with the above quotation from the pen of one of our most respected jurists. It is in keeping with the observation of our 25th President, Theodore Roosevelt, that "No man is above the law, and no man below it." For those of us who are sworn to protect the interests and rights of the people of this State and nation, the passages quoted are unusually timely. As our population continues to swell, the daily problems that we face are magnified in direct proportion. While combating these increased pressures and still continuing to keep abreast of all that must be done, we run the risk of lapsing into a dangerous method of operation where *only the closest and strongest voices* are heard. Too often, as a result, one of us fails to weigh carefully all the rights and facts involved, thereby producing the arbitrary decision, the unjust opinion or the inequitable result.