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This issue of Bar Briefs is devoted exclusively to an able discussion by our Citizenship Committee of some of the fundamental principles of our democratic form of government. (Several hundred extra copies are being printed and will be distributed to our schools). Under this form of government we have enjoyed a greater degree of freedom and prosperity than any other nation on earth.

We hear so much these days about fighting to maintain "our way of life." Our way of life is made possible by observing these fundamental principles and if our way of life is to be maintained after the war we must not only win the war but maintain those principles of government.

We hear it said so often these days that after this war things will be different; we shall have a new order. It behooves the lawyers of the land, who are or should be the leaders in governmental affairs, to make the people realize in these changing times that these are certain fundamental and eternal principles of our democratic form of government which must be observed if we are to continue as a free country.

Our people need to be better informed in these vital matters. This able discussion of the fundamental principles of our form of government will be helpful to the lawyers of our state in carrying this program of education to our people.

The first duty of the Bar in any period is the duty of public leadership. Let us not shirk this great responsibility.

O. B. HERIGSTAD, President