

Former Roosevelt Aide Leads Fight to Curb Expenditures—He and Davenport Urge Vig- ilance by Taxpayers to Effect Economies

Oyster Bay, Nov. 5—Although the Town Board of Oyster Bay has adopted the budget for 1933 over the protests of hundreds of taxpayers and the combined effort of the Taxpayers' League and the Non-Partisan Civic Association to effect a reduction of the total, the money thus appropriated is not to be easily spent in the ensuing year's administration of the township affairs, according to a statement issued today by William Loeb, former member of President Roosevelt's cabinet, and Dr. Charles B. Davenport, president Taxpayers' League.

"Remembering that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," the statement from the chief executives of the two taxpayers' organizations says, "we intend to continue to do our utmost to see that expenses are curtailed. There is no reason why the Town Board can not yet redeem itself in the eyes of the outraged citizenry by materially reducing their salaries which were raised during a time of prosperity."

To Watch Expenditures

At his home on the West Shore Drive Mr. Loeb said that the taxpayers' representatives would watch all expenditures of the Town Board throughout the year and make an effort to keep much of the budgeted money in the treasury so as to reduce next year's appropriation and thus reduce the 1934 tax rate materially.

"We can do nothing about this year's rate now. The Town Board members turned a deaf ear to the earnest and considered requests of suffering taxpayers and their protective organizations and adopted the budget, unchanged. But we can see that the money is not spent and this we intend to do."

The statement from the two leaders continues: "To thinking citizens, the action of the Town Board in passing the budget after such protest, is a shocking fact. In these days of democratic government, can the measured, deep-rooted convictions of the responsible taxpayer of this town be so flouted? The cold fact of the 1933 town budget stands as vivid proof that they can be.

'Demands Ignored'

"If it was a political consideration that actuated the Town Board, it was the poorest kind of politics to ignore the unanimous demands of the taxpayers.

"But this Government is not a government of the office holders, by the office holders and for the office holders. Keeping that fact to the fore, the Taxpayers' League and the Non-Partisan Civic Association intend to intensify their campaign for more economical and efficient government."