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You have probably read in the papers, or heard over the air, of the formation of the Larson Committee, more formally known as the National Council for Civic Responsibility, described in newspaper headlines as the "Anti-Birch Council," and with the stated purpose of telling "the truth about The John Birch Society and related radical reactionary groups." But let's allow the New York Times to give you, on Page 12, the world-shaking details, in a news article which began on their Page 1. And below you will find the news release on the same subject which was issued immediately by John Roussetol.

Statement Given by John H. Roussetol to UPI, September 22, 1964  
Re: UPI Release on Arthur Larson's Council for Civic Responsibilities

The following are observations of John H. Roussetol, National Director of Public Relations for the John Birch Society, concerning the announcement of the newly formed committee, the Council for Civic Responsibilities headed by Dr. Arthur Larson

(1) The John Birch Society welcomes the so-called "exposure" of its activities. The John Birch Society is proud of its record as a strong pro-constitutional, anti-communist organization. The Society finds itself in sympathy with and cooperating with many other Americanist groups who are effectively communicating the truth about the evil forces of collectivism running rampant in our country. The activities of this newly formed organization will present an opportunity for the American people to see first-hand which organizations deal in truth and which organizations deal in fiction.

(2) I will be happy to meet Arthur Larson on television or in a public forum and let the American people decide for themselves which organizations deal in truth.

(3) The John Birch Society is delighted that the "standards of public discussion and responsible behavior" are to be opened to public perusal because the purposes and programs of the John Birch Society have proven to be right courses of action time and time again. The John Birch Society is always pleased to have a chance to compare its standards with the standards of any other organization including this newly formed committee because the Society's Beliefs and Principles are based on the highest concepts of American Constitutional law, spiritual values, and human decency.

(4) It will be interesting to see if Dr. Larson and his committee will be equally desirous of "exposing" the semi-secret activities of the Council on Foreign Relations of which he is a leading member and which organization has been privately guiding our American foreign policy down the road to ruin for many years. The mistaken policies of the Council on Foreign Relations are fully documented in a book called The Invisible Government by Dan Smoot, (former Administrative Assistant to J. Edgar Hoover.) Many members of the newly formed committee headed by Dr. Larson are also members of the semi-secret Council on Foreign Relations which in its own by-laws does not permit representatives of the press to attend its meetings and does not allow council members to comment publicly on what they have heard and/or discussed at council meetings.

(5) We are extremely pleased that Dr. Larson and his group have raised the issue concerning our American form of government. The John Birch Society agrees with former President Harry S. Truman that "this is a Constitutional Republic, not a democracy." We would be happy to debate this issue in depth with Dr. Larson.