
O'Brien Says the President Governs by Suppression

WASHINGTON, May 24 (UPI) —The chairman of the Democratic National Committee, Lawrence F. O'Brien, charged today that the Nixon Administration and the Republican party were practicing secrecy and suppression out of "fear of the American people."

Mr. O'Brien, in a speech at the National Press Club, said that President Nixon "has settled on a process of government that is totally dependent on the most exclusive elite of all—himself with one or two advisers."

"There is no communication, no exchange of ideas at a time when the American political system is facing its gravest crisis of confidence since the Civil War," he said.

Mr. O'Brien said that, while the Democrats had reformed their party to assure "the people, all the people, are counted in," the Republican party "continues to operate behind the closed doors of its exclusive club, accountable only to itself."
