

makers, I am confident that the Members of that distinguished body will give them favorable consideration, proposing such changes and modifications as they may deem proper.

In referring to the Model bills, it is to be noted that some spokesmen for Labor have expressed themselves in opposition to certain provisions contained in these measures, if not indeed to the general bills. Labor can be assured that no intention existed to prohibit any legitimate undertaking or to impair any rights or to change the advanced position which Labor has gained through proper regard of any understanding public. As proof of this I might refer to the clause in one of the Model bills, guaranteeing the rights of Labor, which is as follows:

"Nothing in this Act shall be construed to impair, curtail or destroy the rights of employees and their representatives to self-organization, to form, join, or assist labor organizations, to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing, and to engage in concerted activities, for the purpose of collective bargaining or other mutual aid or protection."

The truth is that Labor's interests will be protected through this legislation and its future security will be assured. In other words, these effective weapons to be used in self defense by democracy will be used to perpetuate Democratic institutions which have accorded and will continue to accord Labor its rightful recognition.

The changing international situation may well require broadening or amending our Legislative and Administrative Program. For instance, the President's Lease-Lend Plan and the proposed Total Defense Bill may well render changes necessary in the Sabotage Act, as a specific instance, for the bulk of our Defense industries then would be devoted to British aid, a development which is not sufficiently covered by the Model Act. Because of these, and other developments that may occur, the joint conference structure should not be permitted to disintegrate, for its importance, already proven, may and probably would be greatly magnified if the present tense international situation becomes worse.

In addition to participating in the Federal-State Conference on law enforcement problems in connection with National Defense, a great many of the States have organized Defense Councils which are engaged in making surveys in their respective States covering industrial resources and protection; human resources and skills; agricultural resources and protection; health, welfare, and consumer interest; housing, works and transportation facilities; and civil protection of citizens and property; and all of this is being done in full cooperation with the Council of National Defense.

We have in America the National Government, and forty-eight sovereign States, each with its own State Government, and, in normal times, differences of opinion between the Federal Government and the various States have occurred,—nor is there any novelty in difference of viewpoint between individual States. However, like the members of the Irish family who continuously fought among themselves, but who always banded together against any outside interference, the Federal Government and the forty-eight States are united today against all the enemies of our Country, and are prepared to act as a unit against any