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Emergency Conference on Mundt Bill - Washington, D. C., August 9, 1950

Dear Friend:

The hysteria aroused by the news from Korea has created a tremendous danger that the Congress will enact the infamous Mundt-Nixon bill.

The Administration and the Democratic policy committee are in process of revising the Internal Security Bill (S. 595), to which they intend to add certain sections of the Mundt bill.

Senators Mundt, Ferguson, Eastland and Johnston will attempt to add the Mundt-Nixon bill by amendment to the new War Powers legislation. Chairman Wood of the Un-American Activities Committee has announced that the Mundt-Nixon bill will be voted out of committee this week and will be reported to the House for action next week.

Clearly, the whole situation is building toward a showdown on the Mundt-Nixon bill. Administration opposition to such legislation has weakened and Senators and Congressmen who opposed the Bill two months ago have become hesitant and evasive.

It has therefore become absolutely imperative that all opponents of the Mundt bill or any revised form of it, should now mobilize the utmost protest, both in their communities and in the national Capital.

There will, accordingly, be a Conference under the auspices of this committee at the Burlington Hotel, 1120 Vermont Avenue, N.W., here in Washington, on August 9 from 10:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. The program will consist of (1) A briefing on the Congressional situation (2) The proper method of discussing the bill with Senators and Congressmen (3) Delegations from each state to visit their Senators (appointments will be made if advance notice of personnel and time is received) and (4) Delegation reports and proposals for additional community work. There will be a registration charge of \$2 per delegate to defray expenses of the conference.

This is the final emergency action called for this year. The month of August will decide the issue. Please assemble the largest delegation you can, with emphasis on organizational representatives and community leaders. We can and will win this fight to maintain our democratic institutions if each of us makes the necessary efforts.

Sincerely and fraternally,


Jerry J. O'Connell, Chairman