

are trespassed, then the State will collapse anyhow, in that it ceases to be the expression of the will of its people.

We live in an age when certain men are trying to falsify this age-old axiom. They are saying: "No! It is not true that individual liberties support the existence of the social states. Give us a strong enough state, and let the personal liberties go." And if one asks "What about Law?", these men answer, "We are the Law. Nothing else matters."

That is the challenge that Democracy faces today. That is the pagan code, that is the barbarian's creed—and it rises before us, alas, not as a verbal argument, but as a mailed and bloody fist, seeking to beat out the brains of humanity so that humanity cannot think any more. It would compel men who have learned to walk upright and to lift their thoughts to lofty hopes, to bow their heads and bend their necks and think no more—but only obey the self-appointed master.

We know, of course, that this challenge has met with military opposition, and that our sister Democracy across the seas is giving blow-for-blow against this black shape of barbarism. We know that our own Country is preparing, and is now prepared, to gird for any battle that is put upon us.

That is as it should be. But that is not all. It is quite too easy to forget in these days of danger and disaster that we must uphold in civil life the same things we are willing to defend in fatal conflict. I have said that our American conception of Law is in essence a definition of Democracy. We must still, now as much as ever before, maintain this balance between man's rights and State sovereignty.

It is a difficult and delicate task facing the Chief Executives of our States today in this important matter of Law Enforcement, but a task the proper handling of which will constitute a most significant contribution to the security of our Nation and all its people.

It is an opportunity for us not only to carry on a governmental function of the deepest significance for the general safety and security, but also to help reassert, by evidencing anew their inherent vitality and adaptability, the basic importance of the States as individual units of this free Government founded on the God-given principle of individual freedom and self-determination.

Fortunately, we find at our backs a people united in thought and will—a people appreciative of their rights and privileges as free men and women, and ready to sacrifice all else rather than yield these rights and privileges.

I have a deep, insuperable faith that the people of the United States will prove themselves in this emergency, as they have in all the emergencies of the past, unfalteringly loyal to the institutions and principles which have made them free and great as a Nation.

The conviction lives within me that against the dark shadow of despotism and dictatorships there still will continue to flame the unquenchable beacon of American Freedom, and that, in the land illumined by that glow, the evils of despotism shall never take root or flourish.

Despite the dictators and their false ideologies, despite the subversive