

SCHWABE COLL

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Mr. S. P. Sorensen
Cleveland, Oklahoma

Dear Friend;

I have your letter of the 8th instant which I have read with more than usual pleasure and interest.

I really do like to observe that people are thinking for themselves, and have the intestinal fortitude to express their thoughts. What we need is more people of conviction, who have the courage of their convictions; and that is what I like about your letter.

In fact, I like the tone of your letter so much that I think I shall likely insert it in the Congressional Record without disclosing your name and identity. I think it is time that such clear expressions from the people be used to offset some of the propaganda being broadcast by the New Dealocrats. Hence, I thank you most cordially for this letter, and I shall send you a copy of the Congressional Record in which it appears.

With all good wishes, I am

Your friend,

George B. Schwabe, M.C.

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Hon. George B. Schwabe,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Feb. 8, 1946

Sir:-

While I think I know what the majority of people around here are thinking about the labor situation, I am talking only for myself when I say that the New Deal has everything jumbled up. They are still experimenting! Of course we, the people, do not expect them to bite the hand that is feeding them, and we know the labor mongols voted them into power, and now the New Deal has no choice but to take orders from the Unions, but we do expect our duly elected representatives to vote out these wartime restrictions which are now entirely unnecessary. The New Deal and its rationing has caused the shortages and waste. The OPA has made hoarders and liars out of the American people. I know because I worked on the ration board for three years.

The Unions are now demanding higher wages from the New Deal and the New Deal has no choice but to dance, but they are unable to get higher wages for the unions without raising prices, so the employers are raising their products, taking advantage of the situation, and raising them way out of reason, in many instances 100%, and the public is being crushed to death in the middle. Of course the result is inflation! But the people expect inflation. A nation cannot waste its resources without paying. Every citizen knows that we will have another depression. The New Deal, the UNO, or even the smart guys who think they can stop time in its flight, can do nothing about it. As night follows day, so starvation, want, death and depression follow war, and times of great waste.

The proper reconversion would have been for the Unions to have allowed manufacturers to produce plenty, and even a surplus, in order to give all returning service men work, and the increased purchasing power would then have brought about a certain prosperity, and that prosperity could have brought about normalcy. But the New Deal and the Unions saw a chance to raise wages while the veterans were still overseas, and before they could come back and make their wishes felt in running the country, so they came out for higher wages for the union members, and of course higher prices ALWAYS follow higher wages, and higher prices always cause inflation,- and now the sky is the limit.

There is only one way to stop higher prices and that is for the people to boycott all business and quit buying until prices get to a decent level, and that is almost impossible because the war has lasted so long that folks are pretty much out of everything, and now the New Deal is helping to make things more scarce by calling it patriotic for people to give away their clothes to foreign countries, which articles they may need themselves before long in order to keep clothed.

Yes, we will have to take our medicine for not having been prepared for war when it came, and then going into it at high prices and cost plus contracts. A country can prepare for war when war material is cheap, and then it can wait until prices are exorbitant, and the latter is what we did. Prices will not go down now until the New Deal allows the law of supply and demand to control our economy. With this ^{artificial} ~~law~~ in power prices will go up, but they will come down again when the supply exceeds the demand, and there is competition in business, but the artificial interferences and control of the New Deal will cause prices to be up all the time.

Yours truly,