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Mr. H. J. Murphy
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Dear Friend:

I have your letter of the 4th instant, which I read with more than passing interest.

In the first place, I heartily agree with practically everything you have to say and my voting record in Congress vindicates my stand. I am positively against labor bossism and racketeers in the labor organizations.

It is my humble opinion that in the long run labor will suffer most as a result of the pampering, petting and humoring these bosses have been accorded by the New Deal Administration during the past 13 years. It has been a program of appeasement which is always short-sighted, but belongs to the New Deal philosophy of expediency.

I hope that you may be able to impress your views upon the legislators from your District.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Oklahoma City, Okla.
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Congressman W. B. Schwabe
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Schwabe:

When V-J Day arrived last year every man, woman and child in the United States was optimistic about the future. Business, both large and small, made long range plans for conversion and production in quantity. All of these plans have gone by the board because labor refuses to put in an honest days work and manufacturers cannot get materials.

When we look back we can see how foolish were some of the brainest business men in this country in hoping to have their plans materialize when the attitude of both houses of Congress and the President of the United States had been for a number of years conciliatory to labor unions to the extent that any law passed was for the benefit of the labor unions and especially for the benefit of the racketeering officers in charge of most of these labor unions. In a number of cases the officers of these unions had criminal records, but just the same they were catered to by the politicians in the New Deal Administration to the detriment of the honest laborers who were forced to join some of these unions and to the detriment of that large body of labor that does not belong to any union and to the detriment of the public as a whole.

I don't blame John L. Lewis, Walter Reuther, Phillip Murray, Vanley Johnson and all the other union officials for getting all they could while the getting was good. I blame myself and millions of others like me for apathy in voting for members of Congress and Presidents who have catered to the union organizations because they were organized and could deliver the votes to perpetuate those officials willing to give practically everything they asked.

A number of crises have arisen in the past few months and during every crisis the unions have gotten everything they have asked for because the members of Congress were of the opinion that "ill advised or hasty legislation should not be passed", but all the while the number of notices of strikes are mounting.

Finally the President of the United States had gumption enough to request a temporary law with the authority to draft strikers where necessary to operate the basic industries, public utilities, etc., but with election in the offing the members of the Senate say this should not be done. It was perfectly all right to draft men into the army at \$50.00 per month and it has been perfectly all right for the past 12 or 13 years for labor unions to compel honest workmen to pay an initiation fee in order for them to obtain employment on a government project where the taxpayers money was being spent, but apparently it is absolutely wrong to draft a union worker at regular union wages to continue work on his job for the benefit of the general public.

I am of the opinion that enough buck has been passed to the public and that it is time legislation be passed to curb the unions and get this country back on a production basis and although I have never taken any active interest in politics, I am appointing myself as a committee of one to do all the work I possibly can against any member of Congress seeking re-election who continues to think about the large funds the unions have built up to fight him because he may vote for some legislation that tends to curb the practically unlimited power they now have. The members of Congress were not put in office to protect either labor unions or business, but to

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protect the public as a whole.

Possibly you have voted on these legislative matters along those lines that are satisfactory to the writers way of thinking. If so, that is fine and I believe commendable.

A reply to this letter will not be necessary, but I have discussed these things with a number of my friends in the past few days and I can assure you that the apparent apathy that has existed for the past number of years has been reversed to the point that they are not willing to let any clique or special interest control the policies of any administration to the detriment of the public as a whole.

Yours very truly,


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