

January 23, 1946

Mr. Jack Mansfield
c/o F. J. Gentry Lumber Company
Pond Creek, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Mansfield:

I have your esteemed favor of the 18th instant giving me the benefit of your thinking with reference to labor unions, federal housing programs, cooperatives, etc.

Although you are not a constituent of mine, I do appreciate knowing what the thinking of people is who live so near my District as you do. On the whole, I think you may safely say that you and I see practically eye to eye.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M.C.

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Hon. George B. Schwabe
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

If we are to be dominated by any group, my choice is the American business class which through free enterprise, unhampered by government red tape, has built this country and helped to win the war just over. Do something to curb the power of labor unions which we believe are led by men who have no faith in American systems and want to impose their selfish will upon the people and to take over our government.

As to the housing shortage clamor, don't fall in with a scheme for inefficient government plans for entering into the building field. Production increases in the material field would help more than allocation of the scarce materials that exist. Private industry then, if not hampered by labor union rules, can do the necessary building.

With the tremendous national debt, you must be interested in the tax program. I think the earnings of the various cooperatives deserve your attention. They were once given an advantage under the law to aid the farming class of people in marketing their produce. Now they are steadily expanding and slipping into almost every field of business endeavor. They enjoy an unfair tax advantage over other corporations who must pay corporation income tax before being able to distribute dividends to their stockholders who in turn are personally taxed. Either no corporation should pay the income tax, or the cooperatives should cheerfully join the list of taxpayers.

Your consideration of these problems is requested. Thank you for your attention.

Yours truly,

Jack Mansfield
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