

SCHWABE COLL

Labor & strikes

January 26, 1946

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Dear Friend:

I have your telegram of the 25th instant protesting against the prevalent strike situation.

I predicted when I was back home during the Christmas recess of Congress that the situation would be worse before it would be better. I was familiar with the fact that President Truman was toying with the situation, and how his own party, with a substantial majority in both Houses of Congress, was deferring action out of deference to the President in order to give him an opportunity to see what he could and would do with the situation.

Then the President very ungentlemanly criticized Congress. This was in reality a criticism of his own party; for not only has his party a substantial majority in both Houses of Congress, but every Committee in each House is stacked with members of his own party, and no bill has any chance of passage without the approval of the Administration and the majority party in power. The same vainglorious attitude is being manifested that we have been able to observe ever since Mr. Roosevelt went in as President. The labor racketeers and bosses, as distinguished from the rank and file of organized labor, has had its way throughout the New Deal regime, and they are still getting their way.

We have laws sufficient now, which if enforced, would in my opinion, enable the President to handle this situation and see that the public is protected. But it is a poor subterfuge for the Government to take over private industry and attempt to operate.

Personally, I hope that public sentiment is sufficiently aroused, when the people begin to realize that this situation affects directly or indirectly every citizen of the country, that their Representatives in Congress, even those of the majority party, will become patriotic enough to see that this has gone far enough, and say that it shall go no further. Then, and not until then, in my humble opinion, will this crowd awaken to the realization that this is still America.

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CONGRESSMAN GEORGE SCHWABE=

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YOU HAD BETTER START DOING SOMETHING ABOUT THIS STRIKE BUSINESS
OR THERE WON'T BE ANYBODY LEFT IN BUSINESS, INCLUDING OURSELVES.
WE CERTAINLY ARE NOT PLEASED OR HAPPY WITH THE SITUATION AS IT
PREVAILS TODAY=
H J SCOTT..

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