

SCHWABE COLL

Labor

December 8, 1945

Mr. C. L. Deckard
Box 3008 Whittier Station
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Deckard:

I am pleased to acknowledge your letter of December 4th, and want you to know that I am in accord with your views. Further, I assure you that I shall do everything in my power to see that some of your ideas are carried out, for they are sound and worthy of the most serious consideration, if we are to preserve free enterprise in this country.

I am glad you wrote me on this subject, as many others have done. It is best that I be able to know the reactions and thinking of my constituents, and I assure you that such forthright statements of well-considered thinking inspire me to continue the fight that I am waging here.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M.C.

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Mr. George B. Schwabe, Congressman
Room 102 House Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Schwabe:

I have learned through the newspapers and over the radio that the Labor Management Conference at Washington has developed into a complete flop due to the bullheaded stand taken by Labor Leaders.

I also note that President Trueman has called for some kind of Labor Legislation to curb some of the many strikes that are demoralizing the business of this country.

Of course Trueman only called for this Legislation to appease the public, but if our Congress and Senate does their duty to the public and even to the Union working man themselves they will repeal the ridiculous Smith-Connelly anti-strike law and enact something in its place that is effective.

Of course anyone with ordinary intelligence knew that law was really no law at all and then what little effect it might have had if properly administered was killed by President Roosevelt with the assistance and advice of Biddle.

I would like to suggest that on any Legislation that you do try to pass that you keep out of the word "anti-strike" as that will make it appear that you are trying to take away from the Unions the right to strike at all.

The fact of the matter is I think Unions will always have the right to strike but the most vicious part of a strike is the picketing and that should be eliminated entirely as it is nothing more or less then mob rule by violence.

It is always referred to as peaceful picketing but in all my experience with handling labor and noting strikes and their effect I have never known of any peaceful picketing.

Certainly you can not call it peaceful picketing when they block streets with cars, overturn them and beat up the occupants. Neither can you call it peaceful picketing when they deny the right to the manager and their office force to enter the plants, it is only mob rule in its worst form and even though the Unions might still be allowed to strike after all other means of settling disputes had failed but they should never be allowed to picket a plant.

We are trying to teach other countries to settle their differences without resorting to force while in our own country we legalize force when it is used by a Labor Union.

Now is the time to do something and this time be sure something is done and laws are enacted that really have some teeth in them instead of writing up some ridiculous contradictory phrases that have no meaning.

Very truly yours,

T. L. Deekard

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