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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

January 23, 1946

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Miss Helen M. Butler
510 $\frac{1}{2}$ East Fourth
Bartlesville, Oklahoma

Dear Miss Butler:

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After I had finished reading your letter, it occurred to me that I might use it, along with one or two others received in the same mail, as illustrations of the thinking of my constituents, by placing them in the Congressional Record. Of course, I have a definite and unvarying rule that I will not publish anyone's letter without first obtaining his permission. Hence, I would like for you to tell me if it will be satisfactory with you if I publish all or a portion of your fine letter in the Congressional Record.

Again assuring you of my sincere appreciation for your cogent and clear reasoning on the present trend of events, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours,

Geo. B. Schwabe

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You have my permission
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January 17, 1946.

Rep. George Schwabe,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Schwabe:

You're right - it's strikes - and a lot of other things that have us folks back home on the edge of our chairs. It's old stuff but none the less true that we are traveling Europe's road to chaos. Our only chance to avoid the final end is for our law makers to develop spines and pursue an intelligent program.

Unions are here to stay and should be given legal status as responsible organizations. Make the party of the second part to a contract liable to the courts the same as the party of the first part. It's logical - we're sunk if we don't. The might of the masses, irresponsible under the law, or lack of it, is spreading its contagion even to our armed forces.

Secondly, as my representative, I recommend for your reading "The Anatomy Of Peace," condensed in the January Reader's Digest. It's the best analysis of our troubles I've read although it shakes the conventional thinking of most of us. Have you ever thought that perhaps our method of dealing with the rest of the world is outmoded? Recurring wars prove that we need something better than we have ever had. The UNO is a step in the right direction but we aren't sold, really, on the need for something more reliable than a seldom-defined "foreign policy", balance of power, "diplomacy" and sphere of influence. Until we have the machinery for world peace, we can't devote ourselves to our domestic problems...war and preparation for wars to come bring on the sort of stuff we're undergoing today - stronger and stronger socialistic trends - eventual dictatorship.

Thirdly, full employment is a good idea but deserves no consideration until we have full production - let's go to work before we start worrying about the day when there won't be any. Let's give private enterprise an opportunity to furnish full employment before we build up another government monstrosity. And as soon as possible, let's quit playing with artificial price controls: demand and supply can be depended upon, in a free economy, to regulate prices.

Fourth, let's equalize our income and expenditures. Fifth, \$25,000 a year isn't too much salary for a man worthy of his highly important job as Senator or Representative.

Sincerely,

Helen M. Butler