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Labor

February 4, 1946

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Dear Friend:

I have your letter of January 23rd and have read the same with much interest.

You are quite right in your conclusion that we are facing one of the most critical times and problems that has ever confronted the American people. Congress is on the spot. The President has been toying with these labor disputes for several months. Naturally, his own party, which has a substantial majority in each house of Congress, and has every committee packed with a majority of its members, tried to show the President due deference and let him see if he could handle the problem alone. He failed. Then he began to spank Congress and the committees for not passing his Red legislation and proposals.

When he spanked Congress, he spanked his own party. He did not spank me, for I belong to the minority, and we are not in control of any committee in either House. This was a blunder on the part of the President. As I said over the radio the next night after his fireside chat, it is a mere buck-passing piece of propaganda.

Now, the chief party in interest, and the chief people who are concerned, above all others, is the public. They are more vitally concerned in the ultimate solution of these problems than either industry or labor; and I am determined to represent the public, and the public welfare, as I am able to see the light. I think there has been wrong committed by organized industry and wrong committed by organized labor. I am one of those who believes in organized labor, and that it has its functions and its sphere; but I am not willing to turn this country over to organized labor any more than I am to organized industry. I want the people generally, and the public interest, to retain control. The trouble is that the New Deal crowd has turned everything over to the racketeers who have almost enslaved organized labor. Of course, they have been favored and humored; but in the end they will suffer the consequences of false and treacherous leadership they have been following.



I am glad you wrote me, and you may rest assured that I am not going off at a tangent and I am not going to follow any of this program of Mr. Truman's or his predecessor, which ultimately means either the failure of our government or the failure of the program; and I am for the failure of the program.

Sincerely yours,  
George B. Schwabe, M.C.

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January 23, 1946

Congressman George B. Schwabe  
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Dear Congressman Schwabe;

Re: Organized Labor &  
Organized Industry.

I feel it my duty to write you regarding the above captioned subject and feel that you have one of the biggest problems since the declaration of war in December, 1941.

The President is wrong in his idea to give the ~~excess~~ profit from industry to Labor. He says he is fighting inflation. If he is he should let wages stay where they are and give the excess profit to the consumer.

It seems to me that organized labor should be forced to incorporate and be put on the same basis as any other organization of men who set out to work together. Organized labor should be responsible for its acts and deeds the same as any other organized group of citizens. Labor leaders should be responsible to its members the same as elected officials are to its corporate stockholders. Organized labor should be responsible for law violations the same as any other group of people. Illegal picketing should be vigorously prosecuted against both the individual and the organized group advocating it. Sit-down strikes should be punished and not winked at by our officials.

Always remember that we out here in the country feel that we elected you to look after our interests and we want you to remember also that where there is one man who belongs to the Union there are hundreds of laborers who do not belong to any Union and price rises given to a selected few have to be paid by the rest of the American people.

We are watching you and we are hoping that you will use your every effort to get organized labor put in a fair but firm place so they can't take advantage of the rest of us Americans.

With best wishes and hope you succeed, I am,

Yours truly,

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