

Labor

SCHWABE COLL

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Mr. J. R. DeArmond
512 Shawnee Avenue
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Dear Friend:

I have your two letters of October 26th and have read the same with much interest.

With reference to an expression of my views on alcohol and its place in commerce, I scarcely know just what you mean by abolishing the same from commerce. I abhor the improper use of alcoholic beverages. I am a teetotaler and always have been; but I try not to make myself obnoxious to anyone on this subject. I try to live according to what I think is right, and set a proper example to others. I do not think there is any chance at this time to go much further than to curb its use, and the abuse by those who deal in alcoholic products.

With reference to the labor situation, I think I can subscribe sincerely to all you say on the subject. Labor unions, in my opinion, have had good motives when they were started and organized, and the rank and file are still largely free from such criticism. But some of those who manipulate the organizations and their memberships and keep them from knowing the whole truth, have become racketeers of the first order; and I am always outspoken against labor racketeering or any other form of racketeering. I am for free and untrammelled labor and its rights and privileges, and shall champion that on all occasions, but I do not believe that the spokesmen for labor actually speak the sentiments of the intelligent rank and file members of the unions.

I am glad you wrote me on these subjects, and you may be assured that I shall always try to perform the duties of my office here in a manner that I think is for the best interests

of the people of my District and the country as a whole.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M.C.

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10-26-1945.

Hon. George B. Schwabe,
House of Representatives U.S.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Schwabe: - I have the
Copy of "New Dealocracy a Snare and
a Delusion" you sent me - Thanks
I'm glad you have the conviction
backed by the courage to speak as
you have spoken.

as a citizen and qualified voter of
Okla. I'm hoping you can + will do
what + all you can in supporting
such measures as may come up in
the abolition of alcoholic beverage
traffic. I hope I may have the oppor-
tunity to have a statement at your
convenience as to your attitude toward
liquor. This is such an important
matter that we must have action
that will abolish it from commerce.
Respectfully, J.R. DeArmon

Mr. Schwabe: -

A Second item.

I'm a draftsman with Phillips Petroleum Co. - I work and am in favor of labor receiving "just" compensation for services rendered. I do not approve of strikes where they cause suffering to come to the innocent & helpless.

I know that unions were conceived in faith toward good but I fear that they are going beyond all reason and if it is necessary to control their effects - I say, out law & destroy the unions. Our American way of living must not be lost. Our democratic ideas must not be destroyed by organizations. I do not approve unfair employer practices either. Labor cannot exist without capital & viceversa.
Sincerely, J.R. DeArmond.