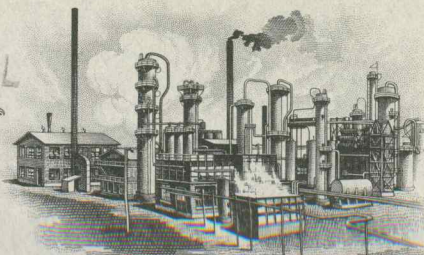
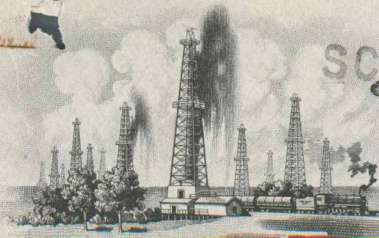


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Hon. George B. Schwabe  
House Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Schwabe:

A feeling of deep seated and sincere apprehension prompts my writing you at this time.

My brothers and I through sheer hard work, sweat and sleepless nights, have over the past forty years built up a small business which today is a going concern, providing employment for upwards of 500 people.

The satisfactory continuance of our business and the continued employment of our loyal and valued employees today hangs in the balance, jeopardized by the present demoralizing and monopolistic practices of the leaders of organized labor.

Let me say that we have no quarrel with the original and intended concepts of labor. We recognize the American right and privilege of a worker to join a labor union if he so chooses. We think for the most part collective bargaining can be made to function advantageously to both capital and labor.

We are deeply concerned by the tremendous power of labor garnered during the war years at the expense of government and industry. We clearly see danger to our entire American way of life through the frequent vicious, monopolistic and dictatorial practices of the nation's leaders of labor.

The practice of industry-wide bargaining, which has been the goal of labor during recent months and which we must assume has received the blessing of government, is both vicious and confiscatory. It can, in our opinion, result in only one thing--a labor monopoly which will become so powerful as to affect the lives of every citizen of these United States--and coincident with this development will be sure to come the creation of business monopoly to the degree that independent enterprise and small business generally cannot possibly survive the disaster such a development would bring about.

We look to you as our elected representative to do everything within your power to protect our interests in this matter. Unless they are protected, and soon, our American way of life is most certainly headed for a change which I fear none of us will like, including the rank and file of labor. To accomplish the desired end, we feel certain



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definite legislation must be enacted on the following points:

(1) Place on labor unions the same restrictions regarding political contributions as are now in effect on corporations. Take labor out of politics from a financial point of view.

(2) Make "closed shop" agreements illegal. Require that "union security" and "maintenance of membership" agreements contain an escape clause. In other words, if we be a free people, we should not condone instruments which in any way require citizens to join a union and remain a member in order to secure or hold a job.

(3) We urge the incorporation of unions to the end that they be subject to anti-trust laws to the same extent as business, and require unions to report financial condition and membership to a specified governmental agency.

(4) If and when picketing is indulged in during labor disputes, law should require it to be orderly with strict prohibition of violence to prevent people from being maimed and murdered, should they desire to work.

(5) Pass union responsibility legislation to require labor organizations to live up to contracts entered into as a result of collective bargaining.

The general public as well as business is being made to suffer untold hardships by virtue of government's labor appeasement program. Something must be done, else in addition to the present chaotic condition brought about by strikes, industry-wide wage demands and general indications of labor's monopolistic and dictatorial practices, we shall be faced with an even more dangerous spectre, uncontrolled inflation brought about through unwarranted wage increases and corresponding increases in the goods labor produces.

On the one hand, labor threatens the very existence of our business today; while, on the other and coincidental therewith, inflation rears its ugly head to wipe out our life savings and that of the rest of the people of our great country.

The time has come to act, and act we must if we are to retain our American way of life, which thus far has been good enough to make us the strongest nation, with a standard of living second to none in this world.

We like our American way of life. Our sons and daughters have fought and died to preserve it. What a sad commentary if we should permit a handful of greedy, power mad labor leaders to usurp and destroy this glorious tradition.

Sincerely,

DANCIGER OIL & REFINING CO.

By 

Dan Danciger, President.



March 12, 1946

Mr. Dan Danciger, President  
Danciger Oil & Refining Company  
Hunt Building  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Friend:

I have your letter of March 9th relative to the labor situation in this country. I have read this letter with more than passing interest. It shows that it is not only the result of a thorough knowledge of the subject on your part, but that you have deep personal convictions, and serious apprehensions as to the future.

You might be surprised to know that I have received many such letters from men who have started from the bottom and have made successful business careers. They too, are greatly disturbed and have reasoned the situation out very much along the same lines you have and have arrived at almost identical conclusions.

Your letter contains such clear and convincing arguments, and meets with my hearty approval. Therefore, I thought I should give the public and those who read the Congressional Record, especially my colleagues in Congress, the benefit of your thinking and cogent arguments. Hence, I am taking the liberty, without using your name or identifying you in any way, to quote your statement in the Congressional Record. I never use anyone's name in such connection without first having their authorization. I shall send you a copy of the Record within a few days.

I wish I might be able to offer you more encouragement than I conscientiously can at this time. I seriously fear that there must be a change in the personnel of many of our Members of Congress and perhaps of the entire National Administration before we can avoid the dangers and pitfalls that so obviously beset us.

I think you know you may count upon my remaining steadfast in line with the views you have expressed, and which are a part of my deepest beliefs and thinking. I cannot yield to the influence that is thrown about us so constantly here, to get in line with the vacillating appeasement program of this New Deal crowd.



With kindest personal regards, and sincere appreciation  
of your contribution, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M.C.

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