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December 10, 1946

Mr. J. L. Turner  
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Dear Mr. Turner:

Your letter of recent date relative to the present labor situation, has been received at Congressman Schwabe's Washington office.

The Congressman is in Oklahoma at this time, but will return to Washington shortly before the 80th Congress convenes, early in January. Upon his return, you may rely upon me to call your letter to this attention, and of his interest in your comments.

Congressman Schwabe is always interested in having the benefit of the views of his constituents, and you may be sure he will appreciate your letter. It is his earnest desire to render every possible service for the good of his constituents, and especially the veterans, and it is from letters such as yours, that he is able to know how the people feel about various controversial issues.

Again thanking you for having expressed your thoughts, and with all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

V. W. Dryden, Secretary



Broken Arrow, Okla

November 30<sup>th</sup> 1944

Congressman Geo. B. Schwabe

Dear Sir:

Congratulations on your being re-elected to office.

I am an ex service man, Spent 3 years in service nearly 2 years in New Guinea & the Philippine Islands. and know from experience the hardships of that area.

I want to make a suggestion on this labor situation concerning the returning service men. The main reason is the women being on the job & will hire them before hiring an exservice man or other heads of families.

I was fortunate enough to get in at an aircraft factory near Tulsa. I am working among women that their husbands are working just a short distance from them at the same plant. Do you think that is a fair thing to do after the service women <sup>men</sup> being told that



when they hired me I would not  
be on the job half of the time on account  
of visiting & laying off. (lost) day in 6 months  
That is the way they talked to me  
& several ex-service men at the time  
we were hired in.

The ones that are being hired now  
are nearly all women for they think  
that are better qualified for the job  
than the service men. They worked  
there during the war and I think  
that if the men that have jobs  
the women should stay at home  
and let some head of family & the  
ex-serv. do the jobs for that is what we  
fought on foreign soil for so why  
don't we get that chance for what we  
fought for.

The deferred men during the  
war & their wives are walking at  
present time and some with more  
than 2 in the same family.

I am personally acquainted with  
people here that will suffer  
plenty this winter with families



that are in badly need of work. But they will hire the deferred man that was deferred all the war & their wives before hiring heads of families because of their schooling during the war.

The exservice man & some heads of families being unexperienced is the block of being hired.

That I know for a fact it some times takes 6 months or more for an exservice man to get in line there.

That is why there is no jobs for exservice men. The Women have all of them.

Is there some way Congress can pass a law or something similar stop the employment of all the Women instead of the men. The Woman place is in the home and not on the job.

That will help the working class of people and do away with a large percent of the depression.



that will be at hand before  
to very far away. If the  
Labor situation isn't changed soon

That is what I think of  
the situation of Employment and  
Condition of the State of Oklahoma

Could be stopped if the jobs  
were given around equally to  
family heads instead of from  
2 to 5 in each family.

The women that have a family  
would be alright but if they  
have a working husband let the  
Wife stay at home.

That is what the head of our  
state & national Govt. should try  
to stop. I think that the people  
should tell them about such things  
that is why I am writing this letter

Would like to know your  
opinion on the same subject.

Will wait your reply. Yours Respectfully

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