

SCHWABE COLL

May 16, 1946

Mr. Lewis R. Harris
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Dear Friend:

I have your letter of the 8th instant addressed to Senators Moore and Thomas, and me, jointly. I have read it with more than passing interest, for it is full of inspiring information based upon facts and plain talk.

I voted for the Case Bill, I am ready to vote for any other bill designed and giving promise of controlling or putting out of business the racketeers of labor, industry, or any other form of racketeering. I doubt very seriously if the New Deal Administration in the White House, and with a substantial majority in each branch of Congress, will ever pass legislation that will do the job. These racketeers have been humored and pampered so much during the past thirteen years, that they think they own and control the government and the whole country - and if they were enforced, would do much to solve the situation; but apparently the Administration thinks more of the votes of this lot than they do of the interests of the public at large.

I am certainly glad you wrote me and I am sure you understand that I do not believe or vote according to the dictates of these racketeers.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M. C.

GS:LW

Tulsa, Okla. May 8, 1946.

Honorable H.E. Moore
Honorable Elmer Thomas
Honorable George B. Schwabe

Gentlemen:

First know that I have been a Union Man for the major portion of my 52 years, holding membership now in the Railway Mail Association. Then bear with me for a few minutes while I raise a little hell about the labor situation.

Lewis and his coal strike; Reuther and his G.M. strike; the bus strike; the steel strike; the telephone strike; the impending Railroad strike and the air pilots strike. Strikes behind us; to the right of us; to the left of us and ahead of us. Phil Muarry and his C.I.O.; Sid Hillman and his PAC; Bill Green and his stable of assorted unions, many of them headed by known criminals.

Read Westbrook Pegler. Add to the above list: Dictator Chester Bowles and his OPA; the communistic party and fellow travelers; Alphabet Agencies and Bureaus without number and with as many if not more employees as during the war. with powers almost unlimited and wholly untrolled. Jimmy Byrnes and his studied efforts to drive America into another war with his Russia baiting on one hand, while on the other his Department of State is so full of Commies that the Congress itself had to demand that he clean out the foul rats nest. Beware his promise to reform, for you know he lies - as all the other New Deal Dictators have piled lie on lie for the past 13 years. Keep the paddle to the seat of the pants of this ego-inflated little pip-squeak whose ambition is to go down in history as "the man who stooped Russia."

And I would add two more to the list - two who are gone. The man who was the head and daddy of them all, and his bosom freind "Harry the Hop". And yet two more. John Snyder and Harry Truman with their statement that America had reached the greatest production in its history. Imagine anyone with half the brains of a mouse making a statement like that while the shelves of America are almost as bare of products as during the war - and the war one year gone. Where is this boasted production, while I and millions of other Americans cry for hames, autos, refrigerators, stoves, lawn mowers and the thousands of other articles that make for comfortable living in this, Our America. Verily a rogues gallery is the list above, with but one ambition in mind - to prove that the American system of free enterprise cannot work, by imposing conditions under which it is not allowed to work, to the end that they might impose Stateism on the order of their friends, the Commies of Russia.

But back to the labor situation. Our labor relations seems to follow one set form, and here is its pattern. A strike. A much abused and indignagt public flood the Congress with letters of protest and demands for labor legislation. The Congress moves for action. The Labor Dictators knowing they have gone as far as possible at the present, settle the strike. The public, hoping that now we can get to producing. relax their pressure on congress, and the Congress, busy with many other important matters, let the labor legislation drift. Vain hope. Another labor boss, waiting for the end of the cycle, starts another strike and we are off again in the same vicious merry-go-round. Examine the record for the past year and deny it if you can.

Gentlemen, can't you understand that when we request labor legislation, we are not asking that you stop what ever strike is then in progress, but that you do something to remedy the condition that permits a

hand-full of men controlled by a few would-be dictators, block and destroy the producing power and the wishes of 140 million Americans.

It is getting mighty late in the day for action. Are you going to wait until it is forever too late to save the American system of free enterprise- that system that has made our America the greatest nation yet to exist on this planet we call the earth?

America, with the American system, for Americans.

Yours in anger, but not without hope,

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