

March 19, 1945

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Mrs. Ben D. Heffner  
4724 South Columbia Place  
Tulsa 15, Oklahoma

Dear Mrs. Heffner:

I have your letter of the 14th instant relative to Petrillo and John L. Lewis and their recent activities. You state that the one has, and the other is seeking to tax the people without their consent, and that you believe this is unconstitutional. You then pose the question, "Why isn't Congress protecting us?"

The answer is rather simple. We have, generally speaking, plenty of laws on the subject, and in most instances we are overstocked with legislation previously enacted by Congress. Congress has the authority only to enact laws. It is the province of the Executive Department, headed by the President, to enforce the laws which Congress passes; but you are doubtless familiar with the fact that many of our laws are not enforced nor sought to be enforced by the Executive Department.

I maintain that we have legislation now on the Statute Books which would enable the Executive Department of our Government to avoid much of the mischief of which you complain, if that Department were inclined to protect the people and look after their best interests.

It is nice to have heard from you and I hope you will write me whenever you have any suggestion to make.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M. C.

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Tulsa, Oklahoma

March 14, 1945

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

Dear Sir:

In my opinion it is time for Congress to  
put a stop to this raid by labor unions on taxpayers.  
Recently Petrillo taxed us without our consent and now  
John L. Lewis is following suit. This is "taxation  
without representation" and I believe unconstitutional.  
Why isn't Congress protecting us?

Yours truly,

*Philomena Heffner*

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