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Legis - Labor

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Mr. Jay P. Walker, President
National Tank Company
Tulsa 1, Oklahoma

Dear Jay:

I received your recent letter a few days ago, and at the outset I want you to know I appreciate your line of reasoning and agree with your conclusions about the strike situation. It seems to me that the country is suffering tremendously because of the fact that no one in charge of the situation seems big enough to handle the people and tell all comers what is what. It does not satisfy me for the President to say that this is a natural aftermath of the war and that it has happened after each preceding war. Experience should have taught us something in the meanwhile.

With reference to the pensions, the President suggests we pay these defense plant workers for deferring the time when they go to work. I want you to know that I have no sympathy whatever with that bill as it has been presented, and I do not believe it will be presented in any form that will be satisfactory to me, for I think the principle is wrong.

In reference to your son's case, I want you to know that I can thoroughly sympathize with you. I have two boys in the same category. Neither of them was pursuing exactly the same course your son was, but the principle is the same. Their education is incomplete. One of them had only one semester in college. They are still in the service. However, I took this matter up personally with the President, I wrote him a letter about it, and I made a speech in Congress on the subject; then I introduced a bill especially designed for those boys who had not completed their scholastic course, and making it compulsory that they be released for one year and upon their making a satisfactory passing grade during that year and if the school had so certified to the Army, that they be given a complete honorable discharge from the service. I have done about all I know how to do except keep hammering away at this proposition, and I shall

continue to do so as long as I think these boys are having to stay in the Army needlessly and uselessly, for I realize that perhaps a majority of them will never complete their course of study if they are left in the Army much longer. I am 100% with you on this proposition, and I have had literally hundreds of people write and talk to me on this matter. And they all feel just as you and I do. Thus far, no bill has been passed which will give the relief desired, and the Commander-in-Chief and his bigwigs have not issued any orders for the discharge of the boys like yours and mine who have not completed their schooling.

Thank you for writing me on these subjects and giving me the benefit of your convincing arguments. With all good wishes, I am

Your friend,

George B. Schwabe, M.C.

GS:LW



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Hon. George Schwabe,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Schwabe:

Well a lot of water has really gone under the dam the past six or eight months, and much of it is coming back in our faces. There is only one reason why all this confusion over everything that is going on exists, and that is because nobody has the guts in Washington to tell people what to do it appears.

It seems to me George that much of this could be eliminated if our President, himself, could be importuned and would understand the efficacy of a move to take hold of one case of these strikes and settle that and make a pattern for all the rest from now on, so these people would know what to do.

There are thousands of them walking the streets looking for jobs of a calibre which is better than the jobs they had in the war plants, if you listen to what they have to say, and none of them care to go to work as long as they can get even \$16.00 a week and that is a hell of a position for all of our people to be in in this country. The only reason they do that is because they are being so encouraged to do by our Administration and a bunch of fly-by-night politicians who haven't the brains to pound sand in a rat hole. I hope that some day we can be freed from the mess of ignorance that surrounds the capitol building in the name of our benefactors.

What I really wanted to write you about was to ask you if you had any information on what the status of a private in the army would be if he had been going to a college and had been automatically given deferment for one year to study a chemistry course and then after about a year, at least about 14 months after he became of age, and had been deferred for the 14 months, the army stepped in and authorized the discontinuance of this particular chemistry course and threw all of the men participating into the draft and from there into the army.



Is there any activity or will there be any towards getting these fellows released from the army and back in school. It appears to me that many of them will probably be out so long, that they wont want to go back to school and probably never will, of course this war has interferred with a lot of things, including the education of many. But it appears to me that those who do want to go back should be given that opportunity.

I wonder if anything has been done and if you know of anything and if you could bring me up to date on this matter.

In particular, I have in mind our son who has had that experience. It appears that he is quite happy where he is at the moment, but all of them want out and he in particular would like to get back to school and he says that there are many others there with him who are in the same boat. He has asked me to find out, if I can, what the status and if any thing has been done or if you know of anything that will be done along that line.

I would greatly appreciate your giving this consideration and advice on it will be deeply appreciated.

Again I say, do everything to importune them one way or the other to let American citizens and especially people who work with their hands know that the Government does not intend to feed them for the rest of their lives, because I think they believe just that very thing. Seventy-five cents an hour as a starting wage only insults them.

Thanking you in advance,

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Guy Koller", written over the "Yours very truly," text.

JPW-hb