

SCHWABE

Labor Draft

March 26, 1945

Mr. Joe T. Rogers
1912 East Fifth
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Rogers:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 24th instant, and have carefully noted the contents thereof.

I am glad that you noticed that I voted against the labor draft bill. I also voted against the drafting of nurses. I voted against nearly all of the excessive appropriation bills that have come before Congress since I have been here, out of which the New Deal bureaucrats and propagandists get their salaries. I know of no other way except to put a straight no vote in against them every time I can. They fix these appropriation bills so as to include among the necessary appropriation items a lot of things that are unnecessary. In other words, they make it a gravy train, loaded to the guard with all kinds of unnecessary activities and unnecessary agencies and bureau personnel.

You may rest assured that I am going to vote against the compromise labor draft bill the same as I did against the original house bill, and I am proud of my first vote and think I shall always be proud of the one I shall cast tomorrow.

I am determined to fight the approaching dictatorship every time it bobs its head up, and I know of no other way to stop it but for our representatives in Congress to take that attitude. Of course, you understand I cannot do it all alone. My predecessors gave the President so much power that it is impossible within a few short weeks for a few of us to take it away from him; but believe me, it must be done or else our form of government is doomed.

I certainly appreciated hearing from you and having your views on the subject, for I believe you and I are in pretty close agreement on these subjects.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M. C.

LABOR DRAFT BILL BITTERLY RESENTED BY WORKERS

Mr. Schwabe of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I have received many protests against any form of labor draft legislation, and particularly against the so-called compromise draft labor bill which is before the House for action today.

The independent, red-blooded American laborers who want to think for themselves, bitterly resent the provisions of the compromise labor draft bill. Organized labor resents the enslavement that they feel will result. People who cherish the American ideals of free labor and free enterprise, resent any such unAmerican ideas. If the members of Congress will consult their constituents affected by it, they will find an overwhelming resentment against this legislation.

There is danger in such legislation, for it tends to destroy the confidence of the people in their Congress. The following is a copy of a letter I received yesterday from one of my constituents, which is typical of the resentment I have described.

"On January 7th 1945 I wrote you regarding the draft labor bill and asked you to fight against it and I notice that you did. I wish to thank you for this work.

Now there comes before the Congress the same bill only in a different form called a compromise bill, and it is even worse than the first. It will give Byrnes the authority and place us under unjust rules, making it a penalty if we quit our jobs unless the government tells us we may. Now that is one Hell of a note. Just how much of this destroying of our rights are you who are in Congress going to let these aliens get by with before it is stopped? What are you all thinking about, anyway? Our armies fight that Europe may be free, and let these New Dealers enslave us here at home.

This bill will be passed and we will be slaves of the State now and ever more.

So therefore, I intend to on Monday 26th 1945 advise the firm I work for that I have quit, because I refuse to bow to any Dictator.

If this kind of dictatorship cannot be stopped by legal steps then there must be other measures undertaken, for there are lots of us Americans who will not surrender to this foreignism of government.

Honorable Geo. B. Schwabe
House of Representatives
Washington D. C.

March 24-45

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I wish you would again keep defeat
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Very truly yours
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