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Dear Friend:

I have your letter of May 21st relating to the labor situation, and agree that something should be done. In fact, I think it should have been done long ago.

I am one of those who believe that the President had ample power and authority to handle this situation, but he said he needed more. Hence, it did not take the House very long last Saturday to give him what he asked for. I voted for this, and I voted more than two months ago for the Case Bill. The Senate did nothing about the Case Bill until last Saturday, when it passed the measure, but with amendments. They are going to take their time on considering passage of the President's bill.

The trouble is that the labor bosses and labor union racketeers have been humored and spoiled to death during the past thirteen years. Mr. Truman, in his radio speech last Friday evening, said that he had known of the seriousness of the situation since February; but he apparently was content to pursue a policy of appeasement with the labor bosses.

My honest judgment is that the interests of the public demand more action than they are going to get from this Administration. I am also convinced that, not only is the public going to suffer, but the rank and file of labor will suffer tremendously as a result of the weak and vacillating position of the New Deal Administration. I think the public is entitled to first consideration; for it is in the vast majority, and that the rank and file of labor is entitled to second consideration. Both, in my judgment, have suffered and will suffer still more before the Administration is fully aroused to its responsibility and does that which is necessary to bring us out of this tailspin.

With reference to the matter of holding labor unions monopolies in restraint of trade, I doubt seriously if our Supreme Court would so hold. In my opinion, there are plenty of ways in which the Administration could handle this situation. If not, it would be an easy matter, if the

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Rep. George Schwabe,
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Sir,

I am writing you as an Oklahoma citizen, to express my opinion on two of the problems now facing this country.

Number one is the strike situation, my feelings in this matter can be expressed by the question "Are Unions a Monopoly in Restraint of Trade?"

Certainly they have the power to restrain trade and yet they are subject to no taxes nor anti-monopoly legislation.

Number two is the proposed loans to foreign nations. I do not favor such loans until we are able to
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satisfy our own markets. It can see no reason why we should loan foreign countries monies to place them in competition with our own citizens for products manufactured in this country.

Such loans can have only one effect on this country once price controls are raised. That is to increase prices.

It appears that the power of the union is becoming greater than that of the government.

Such a condition approaches Communism in its worst form.

I believe that the use of anti-monopoly legislation with regard to national labor organization would permit labor certain privileges and would prevent labor monopolies ^{from} ~~throughing~~ the nation into a near shut down.

Sincerely
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