

SCHWABE COLL

Labor

February 12, 1946

Mr. J. W. Keith
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Pawhuska, Oklahoma

Dear Friend:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of carbon copy of your letter of February 5th addressed to our two Senators.

In the first place, I want to say that I like the way you put your ideas across. You put a punch in what you say, and I am in sympathy with your attitude. To prove to you that I am in sympathy with it, I voted for the Case Bill and every perfecting amendment that was adopted in the House, and a few that were not adopted, when the bill was passed in the House last week. I am being criticized by the heads of labor organizations; but I thought I did what was right, and I have the courage of my convictions.

I maintain that the interests of the public, which is the big majority in this country, are paramount to the interests of either management or labor, either of which or taken together are in the minority numerically.

I am always glad to have your views and I am very happy that I voted for the Case Bill. I doubt if it passes the Senate; and if it does, I doubt serious that the President will sign it. He may even veto it.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M.C.

GS:LN

February 5, 1946


Hon. E. H. Moore
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Re: Price of Butter

Dear Sir:

I was amazed, astounded and dumbfounded when I picked up the morning paper the other day and saw where the Secretary of Agriculture had recommended an increase of 18¢ for a pound of butter.

This is just absolutely unbelievable. At the present time butter is selling in this vicinity for about 50¢ a pound, and this means that it will be 68¢ to 70¢ a pound. I have not had a pound of butter in my house in over four years, and if the present plan continues I just never will have any more.



I HAVE USED MARGARINE DURING THIS TIME, AND THIS BURNS ME UP WHEN I HAVE TO PAY TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT A TAX OF 10¢ PER POUND. THIS IS THE ONLY FOOD OF ANY KIND THAT THE GOVERNMENT TAKES, AND WHY DON'T YOU REPEAL IT!

Yours truly,

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J. W. Keith

cc
Senator Elmer Thomas
Representative George B. Schwabe

February 5, 1946

Hon. Elmer Thomas
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Re: Strike Legislation

Dear Sir:

Several days ago, in response to your letter stating that Congress couldn't do anything about strikes, I pointed out to you that they could do something, they should do something, they must do something, or the citizens of this country were going to take things into their own hands.

If you will take time to look over the press releases from this state, you will find that there is a movement on foot here among the farmers to withhold from the market shipments of foodstuffs, etc. until the Congress does something. I told you this would happen, and it is beginning to come to pass, and you may rest assured that this movement is going to spread like wildfire, and among other things is going to be the slogan:



"NO VOTE FOR A CONGRESSMAN WHO FAILS TO STOP STRIKES".

If the Congress of the United States can declare war and carry on while war is going on, they certainly ought to be able to stop a bunch of labor racketeers, and let me urge you to support the Case Bill as it is written, as the people in this part of the country are not in sympathy with these strikes and they are fast losing patience with the administration for allowing them to proceed.

I have bared my ideas to you on this on several occasions, and I am going to continue to do so and urge my friends to do likewise, until the Congress takes some steps to give the citizens of this country a right to work without being interfered with or being assessed a contribution for some labor racketeer.

Yours truly,

JWK/MLB

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cc Senator E. H. Moore
Representative George B. Schwabe