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EXTENSION OF REMARKS

OF

HON. MIKE MANSFIELD

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 16, 1949

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I have before me two form letters which puzzle me somewhat.

One has the heading "Small Business Economic Foundation, Inc." and is signed DeWitt Emery, president, "Eternal Vigilance Is the Price of Liberty."

The other letter has the heading "National Small Business Men's Association, Inc." and is also signed, DeWitt Emery, president, "Eternal Vigilance Is the Price of Liberty."

What puzzles me is: What is this Small Business Economic Foundation, Inc.? And what is this National Small Business Men's Association, Inc.? Last but not least: Who is this "Eternal Vigilance Is the Price of Liberty" DeWitt Emery?

Now I look again at the letter from the Small Business Economic Foundation, Inc., and its lists, as officers and directors, DeWitt Emery, E. N. Calhoun, A. F. Matthews, W. J. Boos, J. Raymond Tiffany, L. M. Evans and Dr. Alfred P. Haake.

I then turn my head and look at the letter from the National Small Business Men's Association, Inc., and I find the very same names listed, this time designated as trustees, and also supplemented by two or three additional names. Accordingly, I am more puzzled than ever about Eternal Vigilance Is the Price of Liberty, DeWitt Emery, who signs both letters.

The letter No. 1, from the Small Business Economic Foundation, Inc., is a solicitation for contributors. It reads, in part:

Of course, all of us like to know the company we are keeping, so I thought it would be helpful in your case to attach a cross-section list of the better-known companies who have currently subscribed up to the acceptable \$2,500 maximum.

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I then take a look at the list of friends of small business and I find such names as Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., Standard Oil Co. of Indiana, Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, and the United States Steel Corp. I then look at the second paragraph of the letter:

All of the many leaders in industry who have been asked their opinion as to the effectiveness of our grass-roots approach to the problem of explaining to workers the advantages of our free competitive system of business, quickly concede that this program, originating with the representative small business group, is most likely to accomplish the desired result—i. e., public understanding.

I want to emphasize the phrase used in the letter "the representative small business group": The word "the" is underlined right in the letter.

Apparently these big business corporations are a substantial force behind this so-called representative small-business group engaged in explaining to workers the facts of American life.

I now turn again to letter No. 2, from the National Small Business Men's Association, Inc. This also is a letter of solicitation, this time for a check of \$18 in payment of "your first year's dues" in the association. It encloses a reprint of a full page advertisement run by the association in various newspapers in support of the Taft-Hartley Act. This advertisement is also signed DeWitt Emery, president, but this time without the surname "Eternal Vigilance Is the Price of Liberty."

By this time I have found out something about the Small Business Economic Foundation and about the National Small Business Men's Association, Inc., but have not quite placed Mr. DeWitt Emery. I look at the printed stationery again, and finally I find it: DeWitt Emery, Monroe Letterhead Corp., Akron, Ohio.

To complete my research into these two small business letterheads, I will

simply add at this time a complete list of the corporation contributors referred to in letter No. 1: American Rolling Mill Co., American Screw Co., Auto Engine Works, Barber-Colman Co., Bear Mill Manufacturing Co., Inc., Bib Manufacturing Co., Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co., The Lindsay Wire Weaving Co., Lone Star Cement Corporation, Marshall-Wells Co., Mathieson Alkali Works, Inc., The Miller Shoe Co.

Blue Bell, Inc., Borg-Warner Corp., Botany Worsted Mills, Brown & Sharpe Manufacturing Co., the Buckeye Steel Castings Co., Campbell-Ewald Co., Inc., Celanese Corp. of America, the Cleveland Graphite Bronze Co., Chrysler Corp., DeSoto Motor Corp., Dexter Folder Co., Dodge Bros. Corp., Donaldson Baking Co., the Duff-Norton Mfg. Co., Electric Boat Co., Federal Malleable Co., Federal-Mogul Corp., Marshall Field & Co., Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., First National Stores, Inc., Fort Pitt Brewing Co., Furnas Electric Co., the B. F. Goodrich Co., the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Greenlee Bros. & Co., Gunito Foundries Corp., the M. A. Hanna Co., Harnischfeger Corp., E. F. Houghton & Co., Inland Steel Co., the Interstate Co., Spencer Kellogg & Sons, Inc., Mine Safety Appliances Co., Mississippi River Fuel Corp., National Brass Co., National Machinery Co., National Oil Products Co., the Okonite Co., Peter Paul, Inc., Pittsburgh Reflector Co., Plymouth Motor Corp., Proctor & Schwartz, Inc., the Pure Oil Co., Republic Steel Corp., Sawyer Stores, Inc., Sears, Roebuck & Co., Shapleigh Hardware Co., W. A. Sheaffer Pen Co., Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., Standard Oil Co. of Indiana, Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, Stanley Woolen Co., the Symington-Gould Corp., the Texas Co., United States Steel Corp., Vick Chemical Co., Hiram Walker-Gooderham & Worts, Ltd., Western Insulated Wire Co., Wheeling Steel Corp., Edwin L. Wiegand Co., Williamson Candy Co., Wyandotte Worsted Co., Wm. H. Ziegler Co., Inc., and many others.