

Q. I offer you now another one of October 1941. This is a letter addressed as follows: "A letter to every alliance member." It says:

"Some comrades may ask: Does this mean that we drop all struggle, that we do not criticize the government, that we cease fire in the trenches of the class struggle? No."

A. Well, certainly, nobody --

Q. What does that mean; I just ask you? A. My interpretation of that is the forms of what you might term "struggle," say, for example, involved wages and conditions. I think that the forms have changed; that is, instead of resorting to the strike form that unions resort to in peacetime the means sought of improving those conditions would be negotiations, but it is still seeking to maintain a decent standard of living because everybody realizes that a decent standard of living for the workers is the best way of getting the maximum amount of production for our war effort and that the war situation requires.

MR. SLAGHT: I do not think there is anything vicious in that.

MR. MARTIN: I did not say there was anything vicious in it. I was just asking the witness to comment on that. This has been brought out in evidence and I wanted to get his comments.

WITNESS: My opinion is while criticism may be directed nobody suggests we cease all criticism of all things. If we did that we might as well close up everything. Certainly there should be criticism of a constructive nature. Proposals that seem to be better or that go further are always welcome and justified. What I believe we should bury for the duration of the war is any attempt to exploit any advantageous position