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Dear Amon,

I always read with interest the marked comments in the Star Telegram. I have never read anything, however, that seems to me so pertinent, so concise and so effective as your wire to President Truman of December 24th. I wondered, in reading it, if I had anything to add, but a second reading convinces me you have covered the matter thoroughly. I would like to have underscored for the President and his advisers your sentence: "Since the unions do not share in losses, there is no justification for a wage demand being based on profits." I hope too, that the President and his advisers will absorb prayerfully your paragraph regarding the fact that the public has an interest in the result of this argument.

Your telegram is more complete than the comment I passed on to my friend, Phil Reed, Chairman of the General Electric Company, a day or two ago, to the effect that many business men were now saying thoughtlessly of this strike situation, "The Government ought to do something about it", or "Legislation should be enacted restricting, etc. etc...". I told Phil I felt that he and others in large management should hammer home to business men that this is their opportunity to take private business back into their own hands, rather than running to Washington for Presidential directives. These directives work both ways, and in the past have been used more frequently against management than for it.

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I wish more publishers would do some of the sort of thinking embodied in your telegram.

I know you are sorry, as I was, to learn of Tommy Dewart's tragic death. It seems a pity and a waste of youth.

My family and I are deeply indebted to you for some very pleasant reminders of Texas bounty and good things. You are very generous and it is greatly appreciated.

I wish you a most satisfying year.

Sincerely yours,

Harry

Harry E. Benedict

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P.S. I hope you will be in New York for the next Board Meeting of the Airlines. I feel sure there will be a lot of pretty important matters to hear about and to discuss. The Company's affairs have reached a magnitude that compels the earnest interest of all of us, and we miss your counsel when you are not there.

H.E.B.

