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Dear Henry—

Forgive me for addressing you in such a familiar way, but so help me, for one of such a kindred spirit my enthusiasm knows no restraint.

I have just read—and reread—your article in Newsweek for Dec. 19, inst., "A Two-point Farm Program". I agree most heartily, as I do 100% with every word you have written in this magazine through all the years I have taken it.

But you can bet your shirt that Secretary Benson along with 99.99% of the country's farmers

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will pay you no heed. People, since the advent of F. A. R. do not seem to take to anything except the most utopian dream. They just will not accept truth as such, and are continually looking for a handout, ignoring the fact that they themselves are the ones who pay, and pay, and pay. This is true not only on the farm but in organized labor as well.

You can argue with an owner of a brain just as well that by the very nature of the labor set-up its leaders must continually stir the much in order to preserve their own status quo: 90% in trade needs a labor leader if labor itself is ready to settle down in content with a decent wage and a respectable way of life; then there is getting further and

farther out of hand with each merger of labor and with each convention the whip-holders have.

Communism? Yes, decidedly!

Not out in the open — the time is not ripe for that yet, but hidden as always under a cloak of indignance at the way the poor man of labor is being treated.

Why, you could pay labor at the rate of \$1000<sup>00</sup> an hour and it would still be labor, and at year's end he would not have a dime left although he would still have an unpaid-for Cadillac, TV set, deep-freeze, home, or what have you.

They tell us we've never had it better, but who, I ask, has never heard of Adam and Eve? And who has ever had it as good as they did until they

kicked over the traces? Seems to me somebody is damn well tangled up in the harness today also!

So keep on givin' 'em hell, Henry! I for one am with you all the way. We may get licked but the opposition will know they've had a fight on their hands, and who knows, we just might win. Anyhow, I liked it the way it was when a man did the work at hand regardless of whether he was a carpenter, an ironworker, or a steamfitter, or a farmer. In those days a man did a day's work for a day's pay and had some pride. Also he was too busy doing his own work to see or care who did any one else's.

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