

Altho we in Lawrence may seem far removed from the active influence of racketeering groups in the large cities, we have but to think of the efforts now being conducted to destroy, or control, the cleaning industry in Lawrence; and the recent outrages in Kansas City to control the distribution of milk; to realize that we too are threatened with the extortion that has been exacted from others.

Furthermore the cost of every public building that has been erected in recent years has been wantonly increased thru the operation of labor rackets. Billions of bonds have been sold to the public on hotels and other buildings of a public nature, and undoubtedly there is going to be great loss, ^{due to unwarranted cost} as it will be impossible to secure returns from rentals sufficient to pay overhead, interest and taxes.

Again, I call to your attention that the people of Lawrence have been denied the opportunity to see a road show for several years because of the impossible conditions exacted by a small group of stage hands, and by union musicians.

Church papers have been filled with the same sort of foment that has been breeding Zangaras. Often seeing but one side of a question, and that the wrong side, they have attacked employers unmercifully and have fanned the fires of class hatred. I discontinued the Baptist, the monthly magazine of the Northern Baptist Convention, because of its unfair and often untruthful attitude towards public matters, and afterwards subscribed again, because I wanted to keep informed as best I could on convention work. Now the Baptist has been discontinued and the Christian Century is being sent to former subscribers. It is largely following the same track, so I have declined to renew my subscription.