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## MONTGOMERY WARD'S TELEGRAM TO THE PRESIDENT

January 17, 1945.
The President of the United States
White House
Washington, D. C
Mr. President-
At your personal direction, the army seized Ward's stores on December 28, 1944.

On the same day, you directed that a suit be filed in the federal court to decide whether you had any right to order this seizure.

The constitution makes it the supreme law of the land that "no person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law." The suprome court has said that an order which is before the courts should not be executed before the judges have declared its legality.
n defiance of this safeguard of liberty, you have ordered the army to place in immediate effect the arbitrary and illegal orders of the war labor board without awaiting the decision of the court.

You have ordered these war labor board directives placed in immediate effect despite the fact that the courts have held them to be legally unenforceable, and despite the fact that in issuing them the board refused to give Wards the hearings required by the wat labor disputes act.

You have ordered the army to place in effect a wage directive at Portland, Oregon, which a representative of the war labor board admitted on January 9, 1945, was unworkable.

You have ordered the army to place in effect wage directives at St. Paul, Minnesota, which unfairly discriminate against sixty per cent of the employees. When several hundred walked off their jobs in protest against your command, the army forced them to return by threats of criminal prosecution.

You have ordered the army at Denver, Colorado, and Jamaica, New York, to increase wage rates which the war labor board admitted were already higher than those paid by Ward's compatitors. No increases have been ordered agains: these competitors.

Finally, and most importantly, you have ordered the army to impose that form of the closed shop called maintenance of membership. Obedience to your order will require the discharge of all employees who have chosen not to maintain their union membership, and deny to them the liberty to choose whether or not they wish to remain union members.

Wards, in opposing the closed shop in all of its forms, has not been prompted by any feeling of anti-unionism. Wards has fully recognized the freedom of all of its employees to join or not to join a union, as they wished, and has assured all employees that their opportunity with the company will be the same whether they are union members or not. Ward's refusal to accept the closed shop arises solely from a determination that its employees be secure in their individual liberty to join a union or not-free of the fear of physical injury, damage to their property or loss of their jobs.

Wards, in opposing the closed shop, has not acted against the wishes even of its unionized employees. In the seized store at Chicago on December 15, 1944, ninety per cent of the employees through a signed petition declared against the maintenance of membership requirement. Spokesmen for the unionized employees in the four seized stores at Detroit have openly stated that they do not desire maintenance of membership.

Wards has been singled out for unequal treatment. The army has been used to enforce orders of questioned legality without first giving the courts an opportunity to make a decision. These are the methods of dictatorship.

The legality of your order commanding the seizure of Ward's properties is now before the courts for decision. Wards respectfully calls upon you to order the army to withhold the taking of action which would deprive Ward's employees of their liberty and Wards and its customers of their property until the case has been decided in the courts as required by the constitution.

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