

C. E. Adams, VFW Post 1432 to Senator Arthur Capper

This is a letter from C.E. Adams, Adjutant of VFW Post #1432 in Salina, Kansas, objects to the use of German prisoners of war(POWs) by businesses and private individuals in Salina, Kansas, and the surrounding area. Primarily, the VFW members are concerned that returning veterans will not have enough jobs due to the presence of POWs in the area.

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SALINA, KANSAS

141½ So. Santa Fe
June 28, 1945

Honorable Arthur Capper
United States Senator
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have been directed by the membership of Lt. Col. John D. Riddell Post 1432 in regular meetings assembled, to enter the protest and objections on behalf of the veterans of this state and community on the employment by industry and private individuals of German war prisoners. As members of an overseas organization and whose sons are now fighting to preserve free labor here in our Country, we certainly object to the unfair competition by the using of prisoners of war.

While in some instances it might be necessary to use these prisoners of war, we do have evidence to the affect that one businessman here did use prisoners of war for the erection and construction of fences, concrete walls and other improvements on his farm.

In addition we now have information that the War Department is contemplating the use of prisoners of war for the dismantling of Camp Phillips, Kansas. With the discharge of many veterans being rapidly increased, we are of the opinion that this policy is unfair, unjust, and unAmerican to our way of life.

In view of this, we respectfully petition you as our duly elected and constituted representatives to use all the influence that you possibly can to correct this situation.

Thanking you and with kindest regards, I am

Very truly yours,



C. E. Adams,
Adjutant, Post #1432.

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Hon. Lewis B. Schewellenbach
Hon. Arthur Capper
Hon. Errett Scrivner
Hon. Frank Carlson