

SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

STATE OF NEVADA
HUMBOLDT AND PERSHING
COUNTIES

MERWYN H. BROWN
DISTRICT JUDGE
WINNEMUCCA, NEVADA

May 9th, 1946

Hon. Marriner S. Eccles, Chairman
Federal Reserve Board
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Eccles:

In the May 9th, 1946 issue of The Salt Lake Tribune there appears an article containing a statement made by you to the senate banking committee in reference to the industrial strife which has been in progress in this country for a number of months, and which if not curbed immediately will bring about grave and serious results.

I know that we are mutually interested in this common problem confronting our nation. On April 19th, 1946, as President of the State Bar of Nevada, I delivered an address at its eighteenth annual meeting, entitled "Domestic Peace." It occurred to me that you might be interested in the solution which I have suggested, and I am therefore enclosing an official printed copy of my address.

A resolution petitioning the United States Congress to enact laws to create an organization modelled upon the United Nations, as suggested in this address, in order to establish and maintain domestic industrial peace, was unanimously adopted by the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Nevada, and a copy of the resolution has been sent to Nevada's representatives in Congress.

To me, our domestic difficulties in this nation today are the greatest menace with which we are confronted. Something must be done immediately to provide some agency whereby both sides will be enabled to change their method of approach so far as a solution of the problem is concerned. Strikes and lockouts are so limiting production that we are fast approaching a point whereby the needs of this nation can not possibly be met, and the people will ultimately be subjected to unnecessary suffering.

Frankly, I can not understand why intelligent, civilized human beings are not big enough to realize that while their troubles or problems are being solved, they could at the

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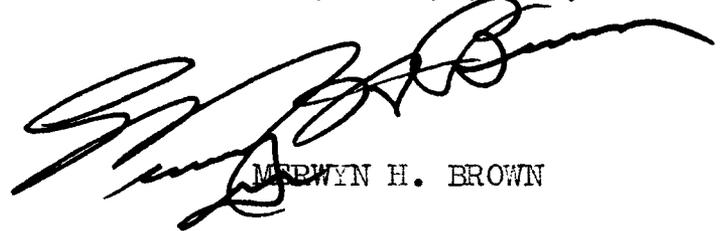
same time go ahead and construct and build, whereby the entire nation, as well as themselves, will be benefitted. If there was just some way to start a movement whereby public opinion could be formulated to such an extent that it would demand such an agency, we might be able to obtain some immediate result.

I am particularly impressed with the statement made by you that "the government sorely needs some means--some court--where controversies can be settled by the government."

If you feel that the plan which I have suggested in "Domestic Peace" merits wider publicity, I hope that you will feel free to use it in any way you desire, and you have my permission to have it reprinted in any form that you might choose.

If you have time, I would appreciate receiving your opinion in regard to the merits of this plan.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mervyn H. Brown', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the printed name.

MERVYN H. BROWN

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May 14, 1946.

The Honorable Merwyn H. Brown,
Sixth Judicial District Court,
Winnemucca, Nevada.

Dear Judge Brown:

Your letter of May 9 and your extremely interesting address, entitled "Domestic Peace", are very much appreciated.

I have noted with great interest your suggestion for constructing a machinery for the judicial settlement of disputes between management and labor. I had not previously seen such a suggestion, patterned, as yours is, on the machinery for settlement of international disputes. I do not profess to be well informed in this broad field, but I wanted you to know that I thought your approach to it was the most reasonable and realistic one that has come to my attention.

Sincerely yours,

M. S. Eccles,
Chairman.

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