

1075-17th Ave. North. St. Petersburg, Fla. 2/20/35.

Hon. Charles Evans Hughes.
Washington, D. C.

Honorable Sir:-

It was with KEEN DISAPPOINTMENT, that I read of your decision in the "Gold clause case" pertaining to the bond obligations of the United States Government and others.

I am sure the vast majority of Law abiding citizens, have had great security in your TRIBUNAL, that it would always maintain the honor and validity of legal contracts. However, in my opinion, you have thrown JUSTICE TO THE WINDS, and aligned yourselves with the NEW DEALISM advocates, who if allowed to continue, will ultimately break down our economic system, and lead us to COMMUNISM, or even worse.

I wish to state frankly, that I do not own sufficient "Gold" bond for worthy mention, therefore I feel free to express myself without prejudice. How can we expect the fulfillment of any obligations, legal or otherwise, when the Congress of the United States is requested by the CHIEF EXECUTIVE to pass laws nullifying contracts, which up to this time have been held sacred?? And now, the HIGHEST TRIBUNAL of the land has approved such action by a majority of ONE vote.

Your decision has done more to break down the morale of respected citizens pertaining to contracts, than anything that has ever happened. When the morale of DEPENDABLE men and women, who have been the back bone of this great country, is destroyed, I cannot help but picture calamity and chaos ahead.

Very truly yours,

Charles E. Ross