

SCHWABE COLL

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Housing*

Mr. Lynn B. Hicks  
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Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Hicks:

I have your letter of recent date referring to the housing problem and expressing your disapproval of any plan to allocate 100% of the building materials to the veterans.

I appreciate your dilemma. I have three sons who have just been discharged from the service, and they and their families are having to put up with almost anything they can get in the way of housing accommodations. One of them is batching on a farm until he can get material enough to finish a house for him and his wife and baby to live in.

The most serious trouble is that not even veterans are getting this material. Most of this talk that you hear is merely lip service and actually is not doing the veterans or any one else any good. It is delaying actual housing and promoting scarcity and encouraging black marketing, that is the trouble with this whole program of the O.P.A. and some of these other New Deal Bureaus and that is why I am against them. In fact I am against all forms of planned economy and most of Government controls.

As far as I know there is not any relief that I can suggest for you at this time. This Administration and its control in both Houses of Congress seems bent on making idle gestures and promises without regard to prospective fulfillment. If the heavy hand of Government were lifted I am sure that we would soon have an opportunity to get houses in which the people could live.

Thanking you for your interest and observations, I am

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M. C.

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Representative Schwabe - Ohla  
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

I hear rumors that the government is going to limit the use of building material to G. I. houses. I am not a G. I. but have made plans and have an application with F.H.A. to build a house. I have spent considerable money but I do not want to continue buying material if I will not be allowed to finish the job. Will you