

*Lend Lease*  
SCHWABE COLL

March 16, 1945

Mr. Harwood Keaton  
c/o Edwards Hotel  
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Harwood:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 14th instant. As usual, your letter is most interesting. It sounds just like you. I don't think you have discarded your old habits of thinking and manner of expressing yourself in the least. Keep going ole boy, I am for you. This is a terrible mess, it is a regular mad house. However, I must be frank and tell you that Mr. Roosevelt still has a very tight grip on things. It seems that practically all of the Members on the Democratic side of the House will vote the way he wants them to when he cracks the whip or has someone crack it for him. But the saddest of all is to see many of our Republican Members fall in line with the New Deal crowd. I have been voting consistently against the bunch and expect to continue to do so. It may not do me any good, and it may not do the country any good, but, at least, my conscience will be clear.

I gave the Lend-Lease program and its operations fits last fall in my literature, public speaking, and over the radio. Then they seem to expect me to vote for an extension of it and give the outfit more latitude than ever. Well, I simply didn't do it. Only 28 of us voted against the extension of Lease-Lend. That is an example of what one is up against here. Practically all of our leaders even vote with them. But I am not going to do it. I was elected as an anti-New Deal Republican and I am voting anti-New Deal Republican votes every time I get a chance.

I see Ross Rizley almost every day and, as you know, I am very fond of him. We vote together most of the time. But occasionally, we don't see eye to eye. He is a fine fellow.



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I don't know what his plans for the future are. I know I don't have any, so far as politics are concerned. Somebody said Senator Moore bought a lovely new home here recently. That indicates to me that he contemplates staying here in Washington.

I was talking to somebody about you the other day and asked where you were but they didn't seem to know. I am certainly glad to get a line on you and trust that you will write me once in a while and continue to give me your reactions.

With best personal regards, I am

Your friend,

George B. Schwabe, M. C.

OBS:CMG



Jackson, Mississippi  
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Hon. George Schwabe,  
Member of Congress,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear George:

You will probably be a little surprised to get anything from me from away off down here in the Deep South. I came down here a year ago this month to stay two or three days and have been here a year now and no signs of leaving.

George, I just had to write someone and kick up a little Hell about some of the things I read in the papers; such as the Race Tracks in France and England running full blast and the taxicabs using "Leand-Lease" gasolene. Then, I see pictures of meat shops in France full of carcasses and then be told that I cant get any meat when I go into a cafe to eat. I recently had a talk with a discharged soldier who told me that in North Africa, Jews were handling this "Lead-Lease" stuff and holding up our own soldiers. Of course, you know my opinion of Official Washington as it is now, but is'nt there something that Congress can do to stop all the damned silly "relief" that Mr. Lehman is handling? If I had my way, every one of our soldiers would be brought home from Europe tomorrow and that bunch could rustle their own grub.

If you fellows cant stop this Roosevelt from giving away our food and tangling us up into every kind of deal imagineable, then we are just in one Hell of a Fix and cant do anything about it.

Have you and Ross Rizley decided which one of you will take Ed Moore's place in 1948?.

Drop me a line sometime.

Yours truly,

  
Edwards Hotel  
Jackson, Miss