

SCHWABE COLL

March 10, 1945

Mrs. Anna E. Webb
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Tulsa 15, Oklahoma

Dear Mrs. Webb:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, relative to H. R. 2346, the Seamen's Bill of Rights. I have not as yet given this bill a lot of study, for it has not yet come up for consideration and discussion.

I note what you have to say about the promises that were made these boys at the time they were induced to enter the service. I appreciate very much your letter and your reactions. Personally, I am one of those who thinks the Administration is due some very harsh criticism for the promises that were made not only the Merchant Marines, but other boys to enter other divisions of the service. I do not believe in making promises that cannot be or that probably will not be fulfilled. Most of all, I think our Government should be on the up and up and our officials should tell these immature and young people the truth at all times. But that has not been the practice in many cases and I do not condone it nor approve of it in any sense of the word.

I want you to know that I am in sympathy with your ideas and shall do everything I can to help work this situation out on a fair and equitable basis for all concerned, and that I shall appreciate hearing from you further whenever you care to write me on this or any other subject.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M. C.

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March 8, 1945

Honorable George B. Schwabe
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Representative Schwabe:

This is a good time for me to write you and tell you how I feel about this SEAMEN'S BILL of RIGHTS, H R 2346 which has just been prepared by the House.

I feel that Uncle Sam has let the Merchant Marine boys down. As when these boys left their homes and schools to enlist, radios and newspapers were blasting forth the promises that the Merchant Marine boys would receive the same provisions that the boys of the armed forces would receive.

When my boy comes home he will need respect, and readjustment facilities and education just as much as the boys of the armed forces. He now needs adequate disability insurance.

I petition you as my representative to get behind this bill and push it, and see that these boys get what they justly deserve.

Please send me a copy of H R 2346 so that I may study it and be able to discuss it intelligently.

Respectfully yours,

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