

British Loan

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February 9, 1946

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pettigrove
Dewey, Oklahoma

Dear Friends:

I want to thank you for your letter of January 31st and the clear and convincing opinions expressed in opposition to the loan proposed by the President to be made by this country to England.

You may rest assured that I am as much opposed to this loan as you are, and that I have no intention of voting for it. As you say, it is more of a gift than a loan, and should be called that, for all our other loans to Britain have resulted that way.

This New Deal administration has turned out to be a give-away administration; and I am one of those who think we should look after America and Americans first; and then if we have anything left, that we absolutely don't need, that would be the time to consider giving it to foreign countries. England has a lot of islands and fortifications which we paid for in this hemisphere; and if I had my way about it, title to those would have been in this country long ago, and I am absolutely certain we should not give or lend any more to Britain without her paying us in some form for what she receives.

I want to thank you again for the inspiration I received from reading your letter. I have received many similar ones from people in my District. In fact, about 90% of my people seem to be against this loan and against the proposed loan to Russia and one in the offing to France, and all others.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M.C.

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Dewey, Okla.

Jan 31, '46

Mr. George Schmale,

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir: We are writing to protest the suggested loan to England. Why should the American people be taxed for this loan?

We have twice saved England when England could not save herself.

And we have loaned England billions of dollars and cancelled the loan because bankrupt England could not pay.

Now the British ask us for another gift. We are told it is our duty.

Here is an incident that shows the British attitude. An American pilot flying a cargo plane, a C-54, with supply goods for soldiers on the Pacific Islands was forced to stop at a British island base.

re-fueling. When our plane came down
on their airfield the English charged
us \$60⁰⁰ an hour for parking space
and 80¢ a gallon for gasoline we
had sold England for much less a
gallon. And that dishonesty is
multiplied a million times in
the honest ledger accounting of the
trade frauds sanctioned by the
British.

It is time for the colonies of
England to float the bond issues
to save England.

Please vote against this
loan to England. It is not a loan,
it is a gift. Save the American
people this sacrifice.

Sincerely,

A. H. Pettigrove
Mrs. A. H. Pettigrove.