

*Loan to
Britain*

SCHWABE GOLD

February 4, 1946

Miss Nell Ratcliff
118 E. Sixth St., Apt 401
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Miss Ratcliff:

I have your letter of January 25th, and appreciate your having written me in reference to the loan to Britain.

Recently, I submitted a referendum, a questionnaire, to 40,000 people of my District. This was sent indiscriminately to voters all over the District, without regard to political affiliation, and I have an excellent cross-section of the views of my people in reply. I might say to you frankly, and even in advance of my publication of the same through the press, which will take place shortly, that more than 90% of the people of my District who have answered this questionnaire have emphatically stated that they do not want me to vote for the appropriation making this loan possible.

It seems to me that we would do well to think first of ourselves and our men who are returning from the service who need homes, and that we should spend our money on them before giving it to foreigners. I realize that Great Britain was a victim in the last two wars, and that she did a great deal for us. Furthermore, I realize that we did a great deal more for Britain than she did for us and that she has been very arrogant when it comes to trying to reciprocate or reimburse us or repay her loans which we made.

Personally, I cannot believe that Congress will ever approve appropriations for this loan; and I certainly do think that it is my duty to represent my constituents who have so overwhelmingly asked me to vote against this proposition.

The great trouble is that these propagandists from Washington and from the Administration, are putting out information which is designed to make us give away our substance. I am too much of an

Tulsa, Oklahoma
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The Hon. George B. Schwabe
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Solely in our own interest, I urgently ask your support of the administration's proposed \$3,750,000,000 loan to Great Britain.

In this connection, it is well to remember that a thriving foreign trade is necessary for a full employment program. Great Britain is a vital factor in world trade as well as trade with the United States. The military importance of Great Britain to us has already been demonstrated in the past two wars. We need a strong Britain for our own security and prosperity.

Yours very truly,

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