

SCHWABE COLLS

March 18, 1946

Mr. R. L. Crutcher  
First National Bank  
McAlester, Oklahoma

Dear Dick:

I have your letter of March 14th assigning your reasons for suggesting that the proposed loan be made to Great Britain. I appreciate your counsel and advice, even though you are not a constituent of mine.

However, I have made a rather thorough canvass of my District on this subject. I sent out questionnaires to forty thousand people, indiscriminately, throughout my ten counties, during the month of December, and the answers are still coming in. These replies show that the people of Northeastern Oklahoma are against this loan more than ten to one. I found that a similar situation prevails in many other places.

All this leads me to seriously question if Congress should make this loan. Frankly, I have not been inclined to commit myself on it; but since such a large majority of my constituents are against it, I doubt if I shall have the hardihood to vote for the loan.

I know you will appreciate my frankness and my reasons for the same, as much as I appreciate your suggestion.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M.P.

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**McALESTER, OKLAHOMA**

March 14, 1946.

Congressman George B. Schwabe,  
House Office Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear George:

I have been reading with great interest the discussions of the three billion dollar loan to Great Britain.

A few years ago, I spent quite a little time in Russia covering a good part of that country. I did not travel in tourist, as the Russians wanted me to, but made my trip independent of any of their agencies. I found out a lot of things, among others, that they had the definite ambition to make the World communistic. In spite of the fact that they were our Ally in the war, it is my feeling that this condition has not changed in the least. Sooner or later, we are going to have serious difficulties with them, and I feel that even though we make the loan to Britain and in turn charge it off, it still does not represent one month's cost of the war just ended. We all know that the United States is first in industrial production and Great Britain second, with Russia coming third. It seems to me that we must prevent economic collapse in Britain. With all the factors involved, I am satisfied that if this loan is not made, Britain will drift into a third or fourth rate Power. We definitely need her help and support. Unless we keep a strong united front, conflict with Russia may come sooner than we expect, and even sooner than we can get ourselves back to an economically sound Government.

I have talked with many people here in Oklahoma and feel that the sentiment of those who have given real thought to the matter, is that the loan should be made. I earnestly urge that you support this measure.

With kindest personal regards,

Cordially,

*RLC*