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Representative Swabe  
Representative, Oklahoma  
U.S. House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Representative:

This is the first letter that I have ever written to anyone even remotely connected with the making of our laws or the formation of our foreign policy, but I hope you will at least read it and understand the ideas I am trying to express.

If you have never talked to the ordinary ex "G.I.", I suggest that you do so. It might give you an insight as to how and what they are thinking. Of course, I speak only for myself, but I have listened a lot and talked a little to more soldiers than I could count, and on an average, they are pretty well set in what they believe.

The European countries are in a sorry condition, we know that for we've had first hand evidence, but; there is also a limit to how much we can do to help ease that condition.

There is also the question as to how much our help is appreciated. A number of the British, French and Belgians are appreciative and grateful for what we have done. By far a larger part, to my opinion, don't like our attitude, they don't like anything about us, except our name as being big-hearted and a Santa Claus. As long as we are the donor and they the recipient, every thing is fine, but when that stops, the so called "international brother-hood" stops, too. We can't forget the way we were charged five prices, both on individual purchases and services to the army, by our allies. Right or wrong, the feeling of nationalism is stronger now than ever before. In plain words, we're sick of the whole damned business; Limeys, Frogs, and Belgians, as well as the rest.



I have noticed more than once the statement in the papers, both here and abroad, that the British industrial plant is in better shape now than at the start of the war, both as to production and capital. And now they want a loan, one that everyone knows if granted will never be repaid. I have yet to talk to a single person in favor of it. When we loan, or to make it plain, give a sum of money or credits, we are really giving away that much of the resources of this country, materials and labor; and I'm not in favor of that. We have work to do at home, and to tax ourselves to pay for something from which we can expect no return, either in physical goods, good will or whatever form it is supposed to be in, is plain silly.

I don't think I am a crack-pot, and I know that most of our dealings with foreign nations are too deep for me to understand, but I've tried to give you an idea of what the boys are thinking. If we're wrong, give us something to show where and how we are to be benefited by sending good money after bad. After all, we are the ones that will foot the bills, and not Lady Astor.

Again - suggest that it would be well for you to learn the attitude of the future voting majority.

Gratefully yours,

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