

*British Loan*

SCHWABE COLL

March 30, 1946

Mrs. John A. Rice  
2148 East 31st  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Mrs. Rice:

I am happy to have your letter of the 25th instant relative to the British Loan, and have noted your observations with much interest.

With reference to pressure groups, I would like to say that you may disabuse your mind as to my being subject to the influence of pressure groups. I think they know me well enough that they are inclined to refrain from trying to influence me.

For your information, I sent the question on this subject to forty thousand people of my District, an average of one out of every four voters, and they were sent to people indiscriminately, regardless of political affiliation. They were sent to all rural people, and to names taken from the telephone directories of cities having free delivery of mail. This people certainly cannot be regarded as a pressure group. I don't know how one could obtain a better cross-section and a more impartial view of the people than I have in this instance.

I was sure you would be interested in knowing the manner in which I handled this. My survey was absolutely impartial, and my statement based upon a thorough and true cross-section of the thinking of the people of my District, many of whom are among the most intelligent people in northeastern Oklahoma, and not pressure groups.

Again thanking you for your interest, I am

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M.C.



2148 E. 31st.  
Tulsa, Okla  
March 25, 1946

Hon. George Schwab,  
House Office Bldg.  
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Schwab,

I am quoting from  
a letter recently written  
by you to a member  
of the Tulsa League  
of Women Voters, relative  
to the passage of the "British  
Loan" she was asking  
your support of the loan.  
You say, "I have received  
only a few requests of that  
sort. At least ninety  
to ninety-five percent



I The people who have written me on this subject have urged me to vote against <sup>such a</sup> "the loan".

Perhaps you would be interested in this item that came under my observation.

In a group of from seventy five to eighty men and women of more than average intelligence and education voted in secret ballot as follows: 58 ~~for~~ for; 14 against; 2 undecided.

This, as I talk with people, represents the attitude of many people who do not write you.

I sometimes wonder how you people subjected to the influence of pressures



groups and self-interested  
people ever get real  
constructive legislation  
through. But please don't  
forget us who want  
nothing for ourselves, who  
are not interested in punning  
England or keeping her  
down, but who are working  
for full cooperation  
and a peaceful world.  
Thanks you

Sincerely  
(Mrs J. A.) Laura O. Rice