

SCHWABE COLL

April 10, 1946

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Varvel  
1418 Oak  
Bartlesville, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Varvel:

I have your letter of the 5th instant, urging my support of the British loan.

You know it is impossible for a Representative in Congress to agree with everybody on every issue. There are always two sides to every question. I have heard the arguments pro and con on this subject, so far as they are being considered and argued unofficially and before the matter is actually presented to Congress for debate. A short time ago I submitted a question on this subject to 40,000 people of my district, an average of one to every four voter. The returns have come in from every county in my district, and you might be interested in knowing that the returns show that more than 10 to one of the citizens of Northeastern Oklahoma are opposed to this loan.

I would much rather vote for an outright give than a loan. We cannot buy England's friendship. She is already running true to form and trying to deprive us of a lot of our Western Hemisphere trade. People right in Tulsa have been suffering as a result of these activities, and I am convinced that we have just begun to feel the effects of her unfair tactics and overbearing policies.

Under all of these circumstances, and with a deep and abiding conviction that it is our duty, as Representatives of the people, to stop this give-away policy of the present Administration, before we drain our own resources to the point where we will not be able to help needy peoples abroad nor sustain our own economies, it seems to me that the only vote on the present proposal, as it is about to be submitted to Congress, is a "No" vote. I cannot agree with the Administration that we must reduce our own standard of living in order to raise the standards of other peoples. We should not try to establish a common level by reducing our own to the point where we approach the lower levels of others. We should ever increase our own strength, stimulate our own activities, and raise our own levels, as an inspiration to other nations to do likewise. This brings all to a higher level, without reducing our own standards of living. But this New Deal Administration has always worked in the reverse, and I cannot go along with them in that program.

I hope you appreciate my frankness and my telling you in a brief way the position that I think I shall take when this matter comes before Congress for a vote, if ever it does.



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I appreciate your views and those of others for and against this and other controversial issues, and I thank you for having written me.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M. C.

GBS/msp

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Representative George Schwabe  
House Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

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That we make this loan to Britain is certainly to our own interest as well as to the interest of free world trade. That approval should be delayed is inconceivable.

Your quick support will be gratefully noted.

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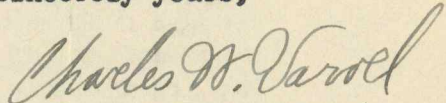
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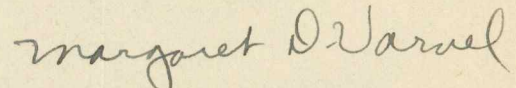
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