

April 13, 1946

Mrs. H. V. Steadman
418 $\frac{1}{2}$ East 14th Street
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Mrs. Steadman:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 8th instant in which you are apparently still steadfast in your opinion that the British loan should be authorized by Congress. I certainly have no objection to your entertaining the views you do, and I am sure you will accord me the same privilege. I cannot possibly see every question the same as everyone to whom I talk or with whom I correspond presents it. My constituents are divided on every subject, and I could not possibly agree with all of them, and keep my integrity. I do not expect them to be unanimous in their opinions on controversial issues. But this is no reason for me to question their sincerity nor their honesty of purpose; neither do I think they should question mine.

With reference to the questionnaire which I sent out to my constituents, I assure you that it was sent indiscriminately. I had one hundred per cent coverage of all rural boxholders, star route boxholders and boxholders in towns and cities where they do not have free city delivery of mail. That certain was a fair distribution to those people, and a comprehensive distribution. In those cities which have free city delivery of mail I used the telephone directories, and I have the names of all to whom the questionnaire was sent in this classification, which any fairminded person would say was thoroughly representative and nonpartisan.

I also sent the questions to my regular Republican mailing list, and these replies were kept separate.

All paid the postage back on their replies, and many hundreds wrote freely their opinions, enlarging upon their replies to the questionnaire. I promised to keep these answers confidential for I think I owe that to those who confided in me enough to give me their sincere opinions. All who returned their answers to me, except eight or ten, signed their names and gave me their addresses. A large majority of these people are absolute strangers to me; but I know many of them personally, and know that some of them are Democrats, some Republicans, some New Dealers and some anti-New Dealers. I have

not as yet given out for publication these figures, but shall do so at the proper time; and the first people to whom I shall give the returns are those who answered my questions. The newspapers published the questionnaire in full, as perhaps you are aware.

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Experts tell me that the returns were larger than is ordinarily expected on such polls. Further than this, I do not care to make any public statement at this time; but you may rest assured that I am prepared to show that the distribution and returns are absolutely fair and unbiased, and that the questionnaires went to people of all degrees of intelligence and is, therefore, a true cross-section of the electorate of my District. I would not think of having sent it only to the members of the organization which you mention in your letter. That would be grossly unfair, and not a true cross-section.

With reference to the sentiment all over the country being against the loan, I based that statement upon the almost innumerable conversations I have had with other Members of Congress who have, in one way or another, tested the subject among the constituents of their respective states.

I might say for your further information that I recently received a copy of a newspaper from one of the county seat towns of our District in which there appeared an entire page devoted to the quotations from various members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives of Congress and other leading citizens, most of which statements were against the British loan. This included statements purporting to have been made by both of our U. S. Senators from Oklahoma, one a Democrat and the other a Republican.

GEORGE B. BARNARD "C"

I know nothing about the way in which the Senate Banking Committee conducted its hearings, but I do know that Mr. Bernard Baruch appeared before the House Committee on Banking and Currency and testified that we could not afford to make the loan, or words to that effect. He has been one of the closest confidential advisors of President Wilson, President Roosevelt and President Truman, as you well know - and you would not call him a "crack-pot", I am sure, as you say someone termed two of the three witnesses who you say testified before the Senate Committee.

So far as self-styled spokesmen and so-called leaders of some of the organizations you have named are concerned, I must say that I have found definitely that in many instances they do not speak nor reflect the sentiments of the membership of their respective organizations, for the members have written and told me so.

I wish I had more time to devote to the consideration of this subject, but I know you will agree that I have been fair in my presentation of this situation to you, and that I am justified in

in consideration of the attention of Hon. Mr. Justice I am indebted to
the author of the book I have just read and I have read it. It is
I think I may well say to those of the consideration of

many if not all of the conclusions at which I have arrived and the statements which I made to you in my former letter, as well as in this one.

With all good wishes, I am
Sincerely yours,
George B. Schwabe, M.C.

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418½ East 14th Street
Tulsa, Oklahoma
April 8, 1946

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

Dear Mr. Schwabe:

Your reply, dated March 28th, to my letter of March 25th urging your support of the British loan has raised a number of questions in my mind which I hope you will answer despite your busy schedule.

You state that you made a very comprehensive survey of the 1st District on the subject of the British loan, sending out forty thousand questionnaires, one to every four voters.

I should like to know how many replies you received back from these forty thousand questionnaires, and by what standard you judged those answers to be from people "who think for themselves." I should like to know too what proportion of those answers came from Tulsa County whose population is 193,363 according to the 1940 census.

I should like to know also on what do you base your statement that "the sentiment all over the country" is against this loan. The hearings before the Senate Banking Committee produced only three who testified against the loan, two of whom were termed "crackpots". I am aware that there are quite a number of organizations with large memberships who support this loan. To name a few--the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, the two labor organizations--the CIO and AFL, the National Foreign Trade Council, the American Association of University Women, the National League of Women Voters, and Pro-America.

I hope for an early reply to my questions, and I am sure that you will grant this request, because you do answer your constituents' letters promptly.

As for approving "any action" now or "ultimately" that you may take on the British loan, I cannot approve this action if it is a "No" vote, for I am still convinced that the loan must be approved.

Sincerely yours,
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Mrs. H.V. Steadman