VOTE 2 TO 1 FOR LEND-LEASE ACT

U. S. Sentiment Favored End to Debate by Day Of Senate Ballot.

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PRINCETON, N. J., March 12.—A final survey of public opinion completed on the day the Senate passed the Lend-Lease bill found 56 per cent definitely in favor of the bill, 27 per cent definitely opposed, while 8 per cent gave qualified answers and 9 per cent expressed no opinion. The ratio between the definitely "yes" and defintiely "no" in the survey results was almost exactly the same as the vote in the Senate last Saturday—two to one.

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The Institute has studied public opinion on the measure from the beginning of the debate to the end. A series of four surveys, each complete in itself, beginning on Feb. 1 and ending March 8, shows a slight net increase during that period in the number of persons definitely in favor of passing the bill, and a somewhat larger increase in the number definitely opposed to the bill. Those with qualified opinions diminished in number. The trend follows:

"Do you think Congress should pass the President's Lend-Lease bill?"

	Feb. 9	Feb. 14	Feb. 28	Mar. 8
Yes	54%	58%	55%	56%
No	22	21	20	27
Qualified Opinions	15	14	11	8
No Opinion	9	7	14	9

By the time the Senate voted, national sentiment was in favor of Congressional action on the measure rather than a continuation of debate. As of Saturday morning, the day the bill passed, 67 per cent reached in the survey believed Congress should vote on the bill one way or the other, while only 22 per cent thought the debate should continue, and the rest had no opinion.

Public sentiment for the lease-lend measure is consistent with certain basic aims which the Institute has repeatedly shown to characterize public thinking on foreign policy. Those aims have been, first, to help England, and second, to stay out of war.

As a measure for carrying out the first aim—to aid England—the lease-lend bill has been accepted by the public. As for the question whether the measure will result in sending American doughboys to Europe to fight—as opponents of the measure have predicted — the largest number of voters think it will not. An additional question in the survey just completed asked:

"If the lease-lend bill is passed, do you think it will result in sending an American army abroad to fight?"

Yes	31%
No	47
Qualified Answers or Don't Know	22

State Deaths

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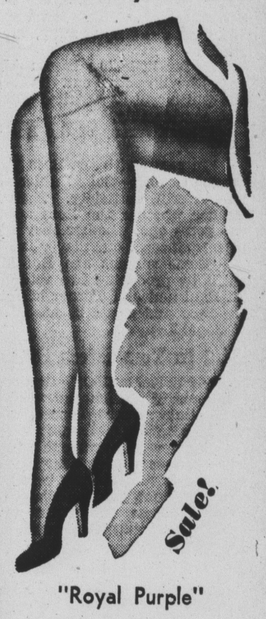

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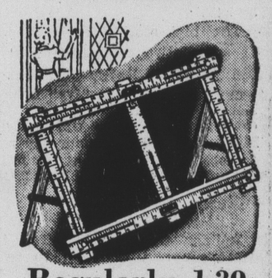
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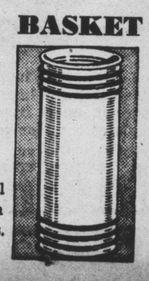

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