

Shayer Apts., Enclsbad, New Mexico — 2-15/1951

Hon. Marrines J. Eccles, member F.R.B.

DEAR Sir:- I'm enclosing a copy of a letter to Editorial Board of U.S. News & World Report -

Note what I say about adding a scarlet line to your graph showing how our money supply grows & GROWS -

The red line should conclusively prove that too many dollars too easy to get leads to suspicion - and lack of confidence - This depreciation and inflation -

Don't fail to win your fight with Entworn Snyder who is merely acting for Harry Spendthrift Truman "The Little Man from Missouri" - The Pendergast protegee who evidently does not care what happens to our country so that he and his party remain in power -

I'm a Southerner as were my father and mother
So I was a Democrat by birth & breeding -
But I'm also a patriotic American whose only thought is for the good of our Country -
So I've voted Republican since 1932 - for I sized up F.R.B. as a smooth charlatan &
Truman is far worse - Really a threat and a disgrace to the U.S.A.
Sincerely J.P. Hunter

February 23, 1951

Mr. J. P. Hester,
Thayer Apartments,
Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Hester:

I am deeply gratified by the response which the recent discussion of basic monetary, credit, and fiscal policies has elicited from people throughout the country. This problem of continued inflation and debasement of the purchasing power of the dollar is terribly serious, and of the utmost concern to each and every one of us.

The press, in recent weeks, has done an outstanding job of presenting these basic economic issues clearly and objectively. The public, I am confident, has benefitted immeasurably from these discussions and more keenly aware than ever before of the importance of sound monetary and credit policies.

Very truly yours,

M. S. Eccles.

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The Hon. Board of Editors of U.S. News & World Report.

Gentlemen:-You richly deserve an encomium or accolade for the outstanding excellencies of Newsweek which serves to make complex world and domestic news more easily understood.

Recently Editor David Lawrence had an admirable editorial about our "irresponsible government". It seems that he should go further and suggest just how we the people can pressure our Congressmen to enact legislation that might end that deplorable state of affairs, which is caused by electing our Presidents, the head of our State or Executive Dept., for a term of years instead of having their length of service subject to periodic ballots, for or against, as other democratic governments of the world, except our own, operate.

No government subject to such a check would dare practice DEFICIT SPENDING on such a lavish-deplorable scale as our power hungry-vote buying Politicos have done since 1933.

For the VITAL WELFARE of our country, your editorial/^{staff} should prepare and publish an article or series of articles, illustrated with graphs, depicting just how the LUNATIC fiscal policies of the Treasury Dept. is driving US down the road to insolvency and utter ruin, thus helping fulfill maggot minded Lenin's prophecy that "Russia will finally force the U.S.A. to spend itself into bankruptcy".

The foundation of DEFICIT SPENDING was laid by F.D.R.'s Braintrusters when we abandoned the Gold Standard and ~~had~~ arbitrarily set the price of an ounce gold at 35 of our printing-press dollars with nothing behind them but our National credit. Gold was tied to paper dollars instead of dollars to gold.

The fatal flaw in that sly scheme is that gold must follow dollars down the depreciation scale--but only on a National scale.

That Fatal flaw should be eliminated by legislation specifying that -Gold shall be worth \$35.00 an ounce, AS OF 1939. Any depreciation of the dollar in purchasing power will automatically increase the price of gold by a like amt.

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The canny foreigners were quick to detect the flaw in our armour and sold us no gold after our dollars lost a lot of their value .

Said foreigners, led by "Perfidious Albion", is now raiding our gold hoard to the tune of 3.4 BILLION dollars annually!

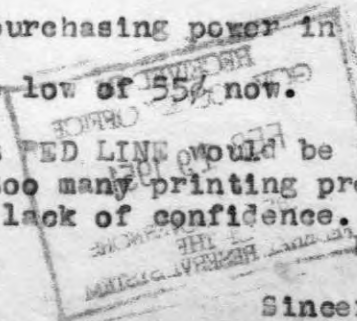
And they are taking us for a deficit ride-and NOW!, largely by paying for the gold with dollars worth but 55¢ that we gave them via Marshall's "PATHOLES" Up to 1940 we had a gold hoard of 22 billion dollars, all paid for with face valued dollars . We are now selling some of that gold for \$35.00 per ounce when each of the ~~was~~ ^{is} ~~worth~~ ~~the~~ /35 dollars ~~is~~ ^{is} worth but 55¢ OF LESS, a total of \$ 19.25 in real money We thus lose \$15.75 per ounce! Even the dumbells running our Treasury Dept. should understand that we will finally give most of our GOLD HOARD away to foreigners, largely, for, as of NOW, there is nothing being done to keep our dollars from depreciating to ZERO value .

As Henry Hazlitt says in his column in Newsweek - To try/^{ing} to halt inflation by creating more dollars is like trying to put out a fire with GASOLINE - Every one with cash, stocks, bonds, or savings accounts are being bilked-robbed-chiseled out of their savings .

I'm surprised that a brainy guy like Marriner S. Eccles of F.D.B. has not figured out just how many dollars are lost for every cent that our dollars depreciate. Evidently a far greater sum than Catspaw Snyder & his client, U.S., would lose by paying 1 or 2 per cent more for money borrowed, WHAT?

I'm also surprised and grieved that some member of FDB did not have the perspicacity to add a fine SCARLET line to their chart or graph depicting our inflated MONEY SUPPLY, the red line ⁿ showing weaving in and out of-but closely following the black inflation line, with the worth of the dollars in purchasing power in the marts of trade, from 100 cents in 1940 to an all time low of 55¢ now.

That RED LINE would be the knockout punch to prove that inflation is caused by too many printing press dollars, which being too easy to get breeds suspicion and lack of confidence.



NEED I say more ?

Sincerely but not too hopefully,

J.P. [Signature]