

Los Angeles, Calif  
Feb 25/46

Marriner S. Eccles  
Federal Reserve  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir;

Why keep  
Price Control on food and shelter  
When at the same time people  
are blowing their money on such  
as liquor, gambling high priced  
shows. Just think 150 million  
gallons of liquor was sold last  
year. Plenty of money for luxury  
why incourage such waste, the  
war is over we Americans want our  
freedom. Our country is deep in  
Debt we managed many years  
with out the O.P.A. why should

We the Tax Payers have to pay an extra debt. I think like many others the O.P.A. is just men hanging on to a soft job in many cases it is making hoarders of some and spongers of others. Why should the ones that have saved have to be kept down to help others that have wasted their money. I know of Defense workers that earned \$100.00 a week and only paid \$4.00 a week for room and use of kitchen so you see it was not the cost of living that held them back.

Please God that we do not have any more Banks fail my husband <sup>did</sup> feel like killing a Banker when we lost our money. Thousands of pounds of butter are being shipped to Russia at the same time we American Mothers have to stand in line for an hour for 1/4 a pound of butter. We are begging for oil at the same time coconuts are rotting on the ground the O.P.A. have made a mess of every thing.

Let the people spend their money as they please we do not want to sponge on the landlord or farmer we always got our moneys worth conditions were much better without the O.P.A.

We do not want dictators, lumber is being shipped ready cut houses all so why because they receive better prices I think Bowl should have a ticket to Russia. Why try to keep the people down that have saved let them have the profit on their business. Our boys fought and died for Liberty and Justice to all not for their mothers to be dictated to.

We expect Congress to keep their word and give us our freedom in June 1946. I just wonder if some of those that wish the O.P.A. to continue are not trying to feather their own nest.

cut out the drunks  
and gamblers.

Sincerely  
Mrs Priscilla A Petersen

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March 1, 1946.

Mrs. Priscilla A. Petersen,  
11669 South Main Street,  
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Dear Mrs. Petersen:

I have read your letter of February 25 and agree with you that there is plenty of room for reformation in the habits of our people.

I think, however, that you have been grossly misinformed about Mr. Bowles and many of his staff in OPA with whom I am acquainted. It is a thankless, difficult job but I do not know any group of men who have tried in a more disinterested way to carry on this necessary fight against the evil of inflation. They undoubtedly have made many mistakes and Mr. Bowles has always been frank in admitting the difficulties of administering price controls. I know that he is doing all he can to correct inequities. I know that he serves at a great personal sacrifice and would welcome the day when it would be safe for the economy to do away with the OPA altogether.

I am venturing to enclose a brief discussion of the problem which I presented in a prepared statement to the Banking and Currency Committee of the House last Monday.

Sincerely yours,

M. S. Eccles,  
Chairman.

Enclosure

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