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February 20, 1945

Mr. Marriner S. Eccles, Chairman  
Board of Governors  
Federal Reserve System  
20th Street and Constitution Av., NW  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Eccles:

I am pleased to enclose copy of an article which appeared in the journal of our organization, *The Hat Worker*. As the article deals with your and Mr. Wallace's fundamental ideas about a full-employment economy, you might be interested in reading it.

Very sincerely yours,

Alfred Braunthal  
Research Director

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February 22, 1945.

Mr. Alfred Braunthal,  
Research Director,  
United Hatters, Cap and Millinery  
Workers International Union,  
245 Fifth Avenue,  
New York 16, New York.

Dear Mr. Braunthal:

This is to thank you for your letter of February 20 enclosing a copy of your very interesting article, which I have read with care. I feel that so far as my own general viewpoint is concerned, you have excellently summed it up.

I wish there were more of this kind of understanding and that some of the great daily newspapers that seem to me most unenlightened had a more rational and realistic approach than is exhibited by their typical editorials.

Sincerely yours,

M. S. Eccles,  
Chairman.

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# The HAT WORKER

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Mr. M. S. Eccles, Chairman  
Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Eccles:

Your letter of February 22 to Mr. Braunthal commenting on his article in The HAT WORKER gave me a vicarious thrill. Here at last was confirmation of my editorial judgment from at least one authoritative source. But professional vanity aside, I think it would be good for our readers in particular and for labor generally to understand that the daily press isn't always right when it passes its wholesale and pontifical judgments on the most complicated and controversial questions. Nor does the general press render service to the public interest when it ignores or plays down problems of vital significance.

It is with this thought in mind that I should like your permission to reproduce your letter to Mr. Braunthal in the next issue of The HAT WORKER. Perhaps it would encourage readers to dig into what they consider difficult and therefore "uninteresting" material. And certainly it would vindicate the editorial propriety of running such articles.

Thank you very much for your kind comment on Mr. Braunthal's article, comment that I should like others to know about.

Sincerely yours,

Editor *J. C. Rich*

March 6, 1945.

Mr. J. C. Rich, Editor,  
The Hat Worker,  
245 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Rich:

I agree with what you say in your letter of March 2 about the characteristically pontifical judgments, so often in error, that appear on the editorial pages of leading newspapers. Much as I would like to acquiesce in your suggestion for reprinting my note to Mr. Braunthal, it occurs to me that while you and I have a pretty good idea as to what newspapers I refer, I did not specify them, and this sort of blanket criticism is likely to be misunderstood as applying to some newspapers that are not so unenlightened or so pontifical.

I had in mind certain of the primarily financial journals and financial writers, but not all of them. I have a notion that your readers and labor generally already understand that the daily press often reflects a narrow and selfish interest. It is of some significance that the press as a whole has been so hostile and so ineffective in the last four national elections.

Sincerely yours,

M. S. Eccles,  
Chairman.

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