

### Congressional Comment by Representative George A. Dondore

**Should We Rob Peter To Pay Paul?**  
Many months ago the Congress of the United States, recognizing the necessity for legislation to keep living costs in line with wages, passed the Price Control Act and an agency with power to establish price ceilings which would effectively regulate living costs was created. The Price Control Act was passed by the House by a vote of 224 to 161 and 1 voted for it.

The Office of Price Administration, with Leon Henderson at its head, was charged with administration of the Price Control Act. The OPA, which acted in a manner which indicated that it was more determined to regiment the American people than it was to enforce the Price Control Act along the lines intended by Congress, soon came into general public disfavor. Despite widespread condemnation of the administrative heads of the OPA and their methods, the Price Control Act

was not then, and is not now, in jeopardy. Congress was, and still is, overwhelmingly in favor of adequate price controls.

**Small Leaks Permitted**  
For some time the OPA, with the approval of the President, has been resorting to a program of food subsidies. This scheme has its root in the failure of the OPA to hold the line as intended under the Price Control Act. Little leaks were permitted in the price control dam and as time elapsed the little leaks became so numerous that now the entire dam is threatened with destruction.

In desperation OPA officials then turned to food subsidies in an attempt to turn the tide. At first only a few subsidies were established. Since then the subsidy program has been expanded to cover new commodities and the price controls were announced. The end is nowhere in sight. Based upon our past experience, it is certainly logical to expect that more and more commodities will be brought into the subsidy fold. What started out to be a modest program now promises to become unlimited in scope and involve the expenditure of millions upon millions of borrowed dollars, which, in itself, is a powerful inflation factor.

**Basic Facts Ignored**  
No domestic policy of the present administration has been more misrepresented to the public than that of food subsidies. Certain very important facts having a direct bearing upon the matter have been ignored. There is only one honest way to approach any problem and that is to ascertain all the basic facts involved and then work out a solution based upon those facts. Any other approach to a problem doomed its solution to failure. Any remedy that is not based upon a factual foundation is vulnerable.

The OPA, confronted with a complete breakdown because of its administrative shortcomings, now wants to jump from the frying pan into the fire. The food subsidy program is being advanced as a bulwark against inflation when, in reality, it contains within itself a powerful stimulus to inflation. Not only will the food subsidy program cost the taxpayers of this Nation untold millions of dollars, adding substantially to our already towering national debt, now amounting to more than 100 billion dollars, but it will result in diversion of manpower from essential war production to the administrative personnel needs of an ever expanding OPA bureaucracy.

**Only Hide Real Costs**  
Reduced to a few short words, the food subsidy plan is simply robbing Peter to pay Paul—a monetary raid upon the substance of future generations. Future generations not only must repay the millions of borrowed money used for the payment of subsidies but they also must pay interest upon those millions. Administrative costs, also, will have to be paid. It has been computed by reliable analysts that every dollar paid out in subsidies will cost the people of the United States at least three dollars. This all adds up to just one thing—an increased tax burden.

Subsidies will not save any of us a single cent on our food costs; they will merely hide the real costs from us. Nor will the continuation of food subsidies reduce the number of food dollars put into circulation. The food dollars you do not spend over the market counter will be spent by the Government. The higher prices will still be there. The food subsidy will hide them from public view.

**End of Subsidy Rainbow?**  
If we permit a continuation of food subsidies there is a telling what the ultimate cost of the program will be, but there is the certainty of disaster in inflation at the end of the subsidy rainbow. The advocate of food subsidies, in effect, says: "Although I am working in a period of relatively high wages, I do not wish to pay my grocery bill in full, so why not let it so that my children and my children's children will pay the bill?" Is that the honest and decent thing to do? It is certainly a dangerous thing to do because inflation will be the inevitable reward for such a scheme.

Are we being fair to our fighting men and women when we include in such a scheme? Is it honest and decent to ask them to pay the bill for food subsidies when they return from the battlefield? They are prepared to make the supreme sacrifice, if necessary, and are giving their all that this country may live. Let us do the right thing and face this situation as it should be faced. We ought not be less patriotic than our fighting sons and daughters.

**Officials Have Failed**  
There is one additional point which I wish to emphasize, one that advocates of food subsidies seem to ignore entirely, and that is that the termination of the inflation-laden subsidy program does not nullify the Price Control Act passed by Congress. The Price Control Act, if properly administered in the manner intended by Congress, can be an effective brake against inflation. The advocacy of food subsidies by officials charged with the responsibility of administering the Price Control Act is an unqualified confession that these officials have failed in their obligation to the people.

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