Gov't. "Phasing-Out" Of Costly Subsidy And Control Programs, Mehren Tells NEPPCO Conference

the NEPPCO Division of Co-fect it would have on our operatives at their recent an- entire economy." In fact, a nual conference in Washing- few, such as wheat, corn, and ton, D. C., Assistant Secretary cotton, should probably be of Agriculture George L. continued for some time." He Mehren said the Administra- pointed to the sizeable reduction was gradually easing gov- tion in surplus grain and einment out of those farm other stocks held by the govsubsidy and control programs ernment as an illustration of which have proven both in- the Administration's "phaseeffective and excessively cost- out" policy. ly. "We can't drop all of them outright," he declared, "family

Addressing 42 members of "because of the disastrous ef-

Turning to the so called family farmer," Mehren blamed the press for the widely held "misconception" that

Eggs

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s.on information supporting grams are designed for the the fact that eggs are indeed commercial farmer, he said, "high in protein, low in cal- and while he did not indicate 011es."

picked up at a market in he did imply that we have Louisville, Kentucky, about too many farms and that many April 16 The charge by FDA of the small, inefficient farmreads, "The article is viola- eis should be-given assistance tive in that the label falsely to find other employment. represents and suggests that the article contains a signifi- the Administration's attitude cantly large amount of pro- to a nationwide supply-mantein in a quantity which is agement program for eggs and significantly low in calories" poultry, the Secretary said he

most courteous and coopera- orders where there was a tive in explaining the matter, pioven need and demand for the industry representatives them, and where the producpointed out In the experi- tion or marketing area of the ence of either the hearing of- commodity was sufficiently ficer or the industry repre- limited to enable tight consentatives present, this was tiol and supervision "A nathe first such move taken by tionwide order for poultry FDA on egg carton labeling. and eggs," he added, "is sim-The slogan "high in protein, ply not practical because the low in calories" has been used commodity can easily be proby PENB and several other duced anywhere in the napoultry industry organizations tion and as a result, the cost The Poultry and Egg National to control and administer Board expects to pursue the such a program would be promatter furthei

government farm programs were primarily intended to benefit the small or family pieces of research and exten- farm. Government farm proat what point a family farm The carton in question was becomes a commercial farm,

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