

Ag. Development Programs Offer Overseas Work

Employment in agricultural development programs around the world is a growing field of work for college graduates, declared the coordinator of international agricultural development at The Pennsylvania State University, Russell B. Dickerson, during the 79th annual convention of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges in Minneapolis, Minn.

Dr. Dickerson said there is an increasing need for highly trained specialists in agricultural development with the ability to work in a foreign culture. Opportunities are abundant in newly developing countries, he indicated, since far more people are engaged in agriculture than in any other occupation, especially in Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

To meet the needs of newly developing countries, one-third of the land-grant colleges of agriculture in the US have specific programs of instruction to produce more professionally trained men and women, for work in foreign agricultural development, Dr. Dickerson pointed out.

He suggested that the "science of overseasmanship," as he termed it, should include training in a foreign language, mathematics, economics, history, political science, literature, and cultural anthropology.

For college students interested in agricultural work abroad, he recommended an undergraduate year overseas, some work in the Peace Corps or agricultural missionary work beyond the bachelor of science or master of science degree, or research abroad for a thesis in connection with the doctor of philosophy degree.

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 rector Soil Conservation District F. S. Ackerman, Farmers Home Administration and Richard Pennav, ASCS Farmer Fieldman.

Conservation practices discussed and approved by the ACP development group in 1966 include measures to reduce flooding, wind and water erosion, stream and reservoir siltation and pollution. Among these measures were

such things as establishing and improving vegetative cover on the land, strip cropping, construction of terraces, ponds and grassed waterways, tree planting and timber stand improvement, and practices aimed at providing food and cover areas for wildlife.

The group also discussed types of special conservation practices which might be carried out by farmers on a concentrated basis under the ACP to help solve specific farm and community conservation problems.

Special projects were postponed and will be developed at a later date.

Proposal Made For Pesticide Residue Levels

At the request of the California Departments of Public Health and Agriculture, the Food and Drug Administration has published a proposal to establish residue tolerances for DDT, DDD, and DDE in milk.

The California proposal would establish tolerances for residues of these three pesticides in milk at 0.05 ppm (parts per million) each. If more than one of the three chemicals is present, the total may not exceed 0.10 ppm.

The proposal would also set tolerances in dairy products such as butter, cheese and ice cream for the three chemicals at 1.25 ppm each in the fat portion of the products with the provision that if more than one of the three is present the total may not exceed 2.50 ppm in the fat. According to the petition-

Three Holstein Breeders In Area Get Top Award

Three area Holstein men were recently among thirteen Pennsylvanians to qualify for

the Progressive Breeders' Award, the highest recognition attainable by a breeder of registered Holstein cattle. They are: John E. Krelmer, Lancaster, qualifying for the fourth time; Arthur D. & Mary K. Wenger, Manheim, also qualifying for the fourth time; and Hertzler's Dairy Farm, Elizabethtown, a second-time qualifier.

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Small amounts of these pesticide chemicals are unavoidable in milk because of widespread pest control operations. The petition does not seek to provide for the deliberate use of these chemicals on dairy animals, in their feed or in dairy barns.

FDA Commissioner Larrick said that this petition again points up the board question of the public health significance of the presence of pesticides in our food supply. He said that he will soon appoint a high level scientific advisory committee to take a new look at this problem, particularly from the standpoint of whether or not residues are unavoidable. They will also re-evaluate the long-range effects of small amounts of residues in foods. Larrick said that the committee will be asked for advice on whether proposals to establish tolerances for residues in foods resulting from environmental or other contamination conform to the national policy on the control of pesticides in our environment as stated by the President's Science Advisory Committee on Use of Pesticides and endorsed by the President in his statement on May 15, 1963.

In its consideration of the broad question, the committee will study the California proposal as well as any comments that are filed on it.

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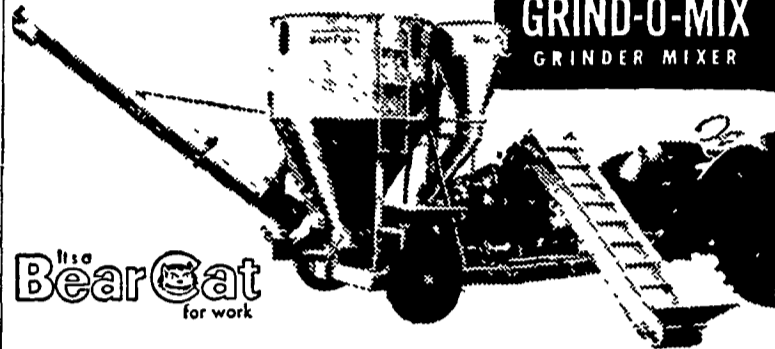


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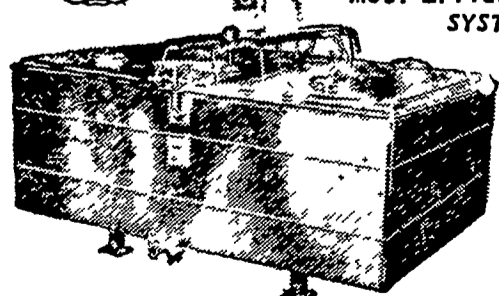
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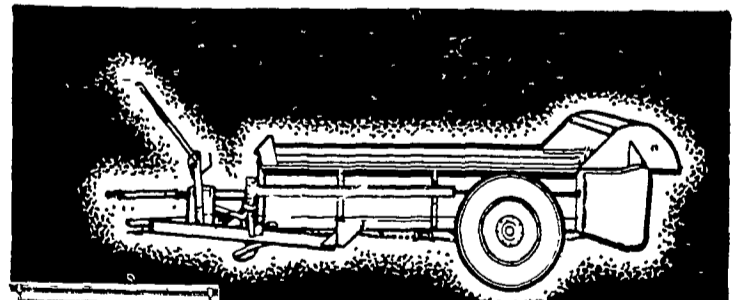
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