

Freeman Says Cities Will Break Without Rural-Urban Balance

Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman took sharp issue last week with what he termed the "urbanist school" that believes the megalopolis is the wave of the future, with the countryside being preserved as a kind of huge national park where urbanites rest their nerves before plunging once again into the maelstrom of the city.

Speaking in Washington at a symposium on "The Nation's Policy for Its Future," sponsored by the American Institute of Planners, Secretary Freeman said the future of American cities as workable environments fit for men to live in will depend in great part on the economic and social progress made in the small growth centers and towns and on the farms of the nation's rural areas.

"People must be given a choice," he said. "There must be viable alternatives to big city-suburban living, or the pressure of people against re-

sources and services in the megalopolis of the future will simply break it down.

"We pride ourselves in America on the options and alternatives people have as consumers and as workers," he said. "Let's work toward a pluralistic society in the realm of environment also. Let's give people a choice not only of the house they live in but also whether it be in the inner city, the suburb, or the small town and rural community."

To make this choice fully possible, however, he said, we need to exert as much imagination and effort to build progressive and workable town-country nonmetropolitan regions as we're now investing in the big city and its sprawling suburbs.

He termed four requirements as critical for rural region development: manufacturing and service jobs in the growth centers, housing programs tailoring to the small community, a larger investment in public



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services, and greatly improved public administration and planning.

The small cities within these rural regions, he said, serve as the nuclei for development, the counties as a "watershed area" where people live on farms, in communities, or in the smaller towns. And the whole is tied together through new administrative, institutional, economic, and educational approaches and systems.

Oct. 21 and 22 at Penn State.

The show is being presented by the Penn State Horticulture Club and is entitled "The World in Our Gardens."

On exhibit will be a Japanese garden which will utilize water, stone and plant materials. Balanced and symmetrical planting beds of annual flowers and hedge materials will be displayed in an English garden. Another garden will show how Americans have incorporated ideas from around the world.

Exhibitors will include: the Pennsylvania Retail Florists, the Pennsylvania Flower Growers and Pi Alpha Xi, national floriculture honorary fraternity.

Corsage making will be dem-

onstrated and the corsages will be for sale. Cider, apples, potted plants and Indian corn will also be on sale.

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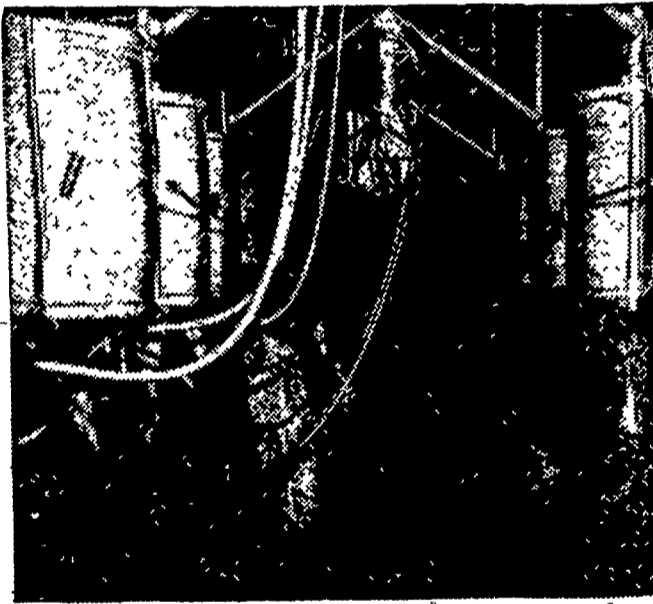
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