



Pa. Grange Urges Broad Constructive Program

For added stability and further progress in agriculture, the Pennsylvania State Grange this week urged a broad, constructive farm program, including revision and extension by Congress of the 1965 Food and Agriculture Act.

John W. Scott, master of the 67,000 member State Grange, said his organization concurs in demands by leading national farm organizations, including the National Grange, for legislation that will correct a tighten-

ing cost-price squeeze for farmers.

Scott who is also secretary of the National Grange, credited the 1965 Act with a reversal of the long-time downward trend in farm income. In urging its renewal, he said the Act needs to be revised to cope with changing conditions, especially increasing inflation and the urgency for increased farm income.

Scott charged. "If agriculture is to survive it must have a sound program, one that will enable farmers in Pennsylvania and the other states to produce food for our own tables and for international trade."

Support for a sound farm program "is imperative," Scott declared. "Any suggestion for arbitrary or unilateral repeal of the 1965 Act and related legislation is unthinkable. To do so would bankrupt American agriculture and the rest of the nation's economy. It would topple the economic system of the western world."

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"The present farm program," he noted, "has held the cost of food relatively steady. The index of farm wholesale prices has risen only six points in the past seven years. Had the rest of the economy held as steady there would have been no inflation."

Legislation that has "protected, preserved and improved both profits and labor in other industry has placed agriculture in an unfavorable position."

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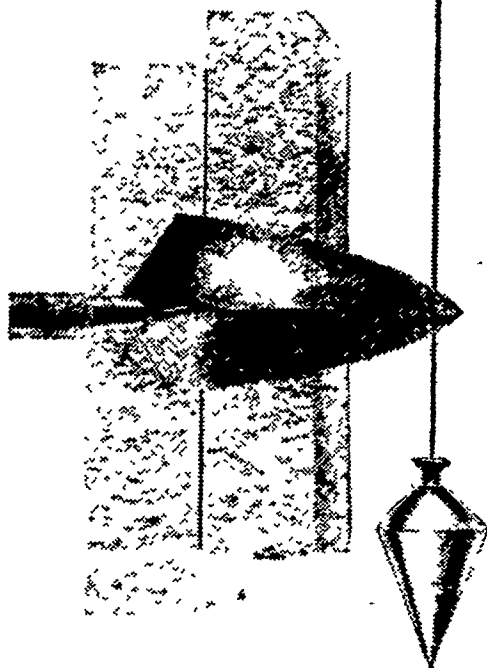
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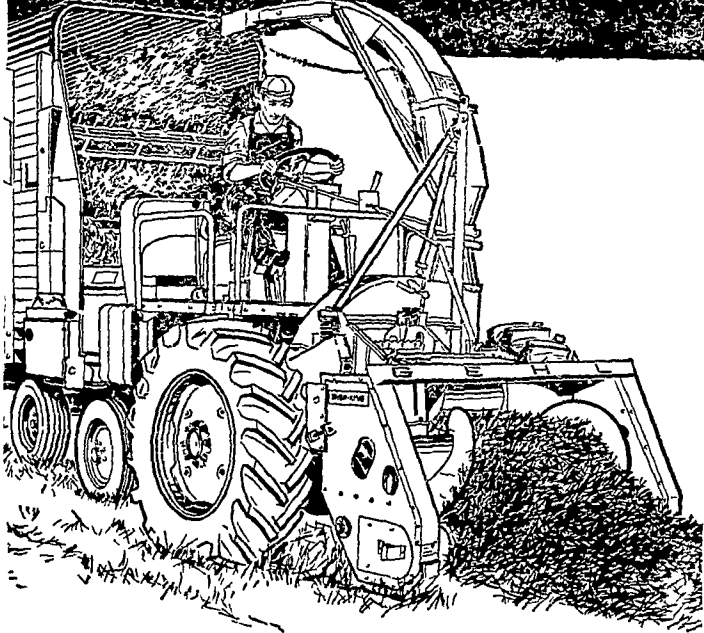
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