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starvation itself, but against man's own tendency toward isolation. Man must learn to share his knowledge, and benefit from the mistakes of others.

And so emerges the great question: How can man break down the barriers that separate him? What must be done to bring about international cooperation in the fight against starvation? I believe that the answer lies in America, in the enormous potential of her youth. America must send forth young people who will mingle with those in underdeveloped countries. These young people must have a knowledge of the basic skills of agriculture. I believe that America's most important export is agricultural technology!

An American working side by side with a farmer in an underdeveloped country can break down the barrier of distrust which separates the two of them. When there is mutual understanding, the American can share the basic skills of agriculture which he possesses. With this exchange of knowledge, the farmer in the underdeveloped country will not have to discover these basic skills for himself. He will be delivered from his primitive condition, and the centuries of time needed to learn by experience will be eliminated. Again I say, America's most important export is agricultural technology!

We can send tons of surplus wheat to foreign countries, but this only solves the problem temporarily. The Secretary of Agriculture, Orville Freeman, says "Unless the hungry nations learn to feed themselves, there will be world famine in less than 20 years." The United States cannot feed the world, because her own population is growing by leaps and bounds. The farmers in underdeveloped countries must learn to produce enough food for their own people. They can do this only if they learn more advanced farming practices. Again I say

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of 1969 will probably average 35 cents, about 2 cents below the third quarter of this year.

Feed costs during the October 1968-September 1969 year are expected to average about one-half cent a dozen less than a year earlier. Much of this decrease is likely to be offset by higher labor and other costs. Thus net incomes to farmers are expected to average about 5 cents a dozen or \$100 a hen higher. By the third quarter of 1969 producer returns are expected to fall below year earlier levels.

The hatch of egg-type chicks in the last half of 1968 is expected to be about 11% above year earlier levels. The hatch in the first half of 1969 is expected to be at least 11% above the same months of 1968. Egg prices in late 1969 and during 1970 would be depressed by a hatch of this magnitude.

The layer flock is expected to stay under year earlier levels until the third quarter of 1969. The rate of lay is also expected to average under the same months of the previous year until mid-1969. Production increases beginning the third quarter of 1969 will result from both a larger and young flock and thus a higher rate of lay.

Individual producers may receive prices lower than the U.S. average farm prices upon which this report is based. The U.S. price includes prices received by producers who sell to hatcheries and those who market direct to consumers or to retail stores.

America's most important export is agricultural technology!

How can we export technology? How can such a gigantic program be financed? First of all, there is the Peace Corps, one of our government's most successful programs for improving international understanding. Here is a chance for a young person to teach others, and, at the same time, he can learn to appreciate more fully the abundance in his own society.

Next, there is the church and other religious organizations, pleading for volunteers who will serve for a period of time in an underdeveloped area. Too many times, however, no one offers his services, and this opportunity is lost.

Finally, individuals who want to travel can finance their own way and find a rewarding experience in helping those less fortunate than themselves.

The task is an enormous one.

and the work will not be completed in a year: it will take many years. The job requires a new breed of American — the type that does the world's work in the world's farthest corners, not for dollars, not for glory, not for nationalistic or imperialistic purposes, but for man!

When at last farmers in underdeveloped countries are farming with the same high efficiency as those in the rest of the world, man will have conquered the enemy starvation. When the gap which separates the primitive portion of the world from the more advanced portion of the world is at last closed, mankind will have reached the zenith of international cooperation.

During the ceremony for raising Green Hands to the degree of Chapter Farmer, every FFA member meets four obstacles which block man's progress. Consider these four obstacles for a moment: ignorance, indolence, waste and isolation.

Because of isolation, the farmers in underdeveloped

countries are unable to farm efficiently. Poor efficiency leads to waste and soon discouragement and indolence take hold. The door is opened for the enemy starvation!

Until mankind destroys these obstacles there will be starvation, misery and death. FFA members, you and I have met these four obstacles and we understand their power. Because we have met these hindrances to man's progress, we have a responsibility. It is a great and noble challenge that is set before us: to free the rest of the world from these same enemies. The future is stretched before us in a wide horizon, with many possibilities. We may spend our lives building a great store of material wealth. We

may count our worth by the cattle on a thousand hills. Or, we may spend our lives serving mankind, so that our world will be a better one tomorrow.

The fate of the human race is being weighed in the balances today, and the possible fate is terrible to consider. If world starvation becomes a reality, the survivors will envy the dead! "No man is an island . . . we are all involved in mankind." We must all work together or the fight is lost. You and I hold the key to man's problem. Will we use it?

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