

## U Thant Calls For Greater Support Of World Food Program

U Thant said this week that the "growing poverty" of two thirds of mankind is "the greatest challenge of this century."

The United Nations Secretary-General and Addeke Boerma, Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization, largest of the UN specialized agencies, joined in urging that \$400 million be provided to the UN/FAO World Food Program for the period 1971-72, to help it continue on a larger scale its efforts to promote economic and social development.

Both were addressing the WFP's 24 nation governing body, the Inter-Governmental Com-

mittee, which opened its regular spring session in Rome.

The target of \$400 million in food, cash and shipping and other services has been proposed by the WFP Executive Director, Francisco Aquino of El Salvador.

U Thant pointed out that the Food Aid Program was established to help meet the challenge of poverty. The UN system must assist the governments of the world to plan "a global strategy of development," he said.

In the execution of this strategy, the WFP has an important role to play since 1963 has become an established instru-

ment of "Proven effectiveness and flexibility," adding a "new dimension" to the UN potential in the field of development, he said.

"If the program is to play its full part in the coming decade," he said, "there is no doubt in my mind that it also requires substantially larger resources. I fully support the proposal for a higher target."

The WFP's resources come from pledges made by member governments of the UN and FAO.

Boerma attributed the "stark, degrading poverty" to the millions of widespread unemployment at a time when, ironically, there is a crying need for creative effort.

Food aid offers special hope to the "legions of the unemployed" because of its suitability to projects employing a large number of people and those providing special feeding for the needy, he said.

The FAO chief also said that the WFP was the natural channel for handling such food production resources as fertilizers, pesticides and farm machinery for which there was an increasing need in view of the immense promise of the new high-yielding varieties of crops.

These varieties are a technological triumph which FAO is working to promote as widely as possible, he said.

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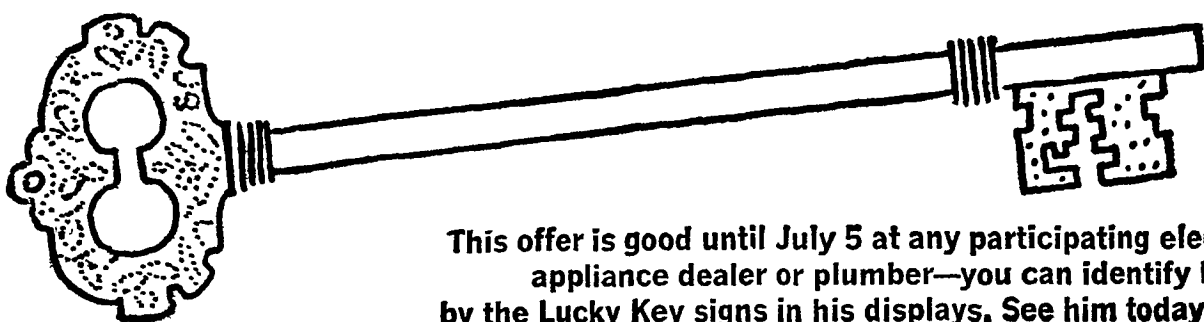
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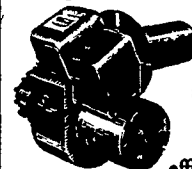
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