

## WASHINGTON REPORT

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President Nixon's decision to send American combat troops into Cambodia caused great concern across America. From the campuses to Capitol Hill, intense, sometimes bitter, debate followed the President's April 30 announcement. The unexpectedness of the move and the public's uncertainty about its significance no doubt contributed to the intensity of the debate.

My personal feeling was that the issue needed to be put into proper perspective. It was necessary to strip away the emotionalism and examine the facts about the President's Cambodian decision. That's why I listened attentively to students who counseled me concerning their very forceful and deeply felt viewpoint. That's the reason why I examined the thinking behind the action which the Nixon Administration felt was necessary in Southeast Asia.

The conclusion I reached was that we are not dealing with an escalation of the war — the thing feared most by many Americans, myself included. The fact that the action has very specific limits tied to it tempers the threat of escalation. However, that fact also makes it necessary for the military to operate strictly within the defined restraints because to do otherwise will raise grave doubts about credibility of the

present policy in Southeast Asia. The limited military thrust into Cambodia appears to be an evacuation tactic. The process of withdrawal of American troops from Vietnam can be continued, and perhaps speeded, as a result of this move.

We were aware of the risks involved in allowing the Communists to continue their buildup of men and supplies in "privileged sanctuaries" in Cambodia. The completion of the Vietnamization program, which has been successful in bringing American soldiers home, was jeopardized by that buildup. The evident strategy of the Communists was to await additional troop withdrawals and then launch an all-out strike against our remaining forces and the South Vietnamese population centers.

No thinking American wants an enlargement of the Vietnam war. However, Cambodia has been very much a part of the war for years. Therefore, it must be very much a consideration in any plans to get our men home. President Nixon so considered and decided to act. It was a hard choice, but for policy decisions I believe we must have some faith in the man who has a singular responsibility for the lives of our men in combat — the President.

## What's New?

### Reduce Shipment Loss

Bradley Products Company, Division of Armour Pharmaceutical Company, Omaha, Nebraska, has announced three new antisera products for reduction of livestock losses such as decreased gains, sickness and even death due to the stresses of shipment.

### Emergency Power

Fidelity Electric Company, Inc., Lancaster, has a new brush type power generator for auxiliary or emergency power uses at up to 25 per cent lower price than competing products, according to James McGowan, executive vice president.

### New Potato Bagger

Kipers Packaging Equipment, Inc., Fairport, New York, has introduced a newly-designed, automatically controlled, 50 pound bagger for potatoes and onions. The firm reports it's absolutely impossible to cycle through an underweight bag.

### Fluid Spreader

The Sahlstrom Manufacturing Company, Bennington, Vermont 05201 has introduced a new pump spreader with a 2200 gallon fluid manure spreader that unloads at up to 1200 gallons a minute.

### FACTS ABOUT FARMING

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## All Members of Family Need Basic Food Groups

The American Medical Association in its "timely tips on health and safety" for May suggests a Recipe for Family Feeding. "Family Meal Planning isn't easy, especially when Dad pampers an ulcer, Junior wants to 'beef up,' and Sis must shed a few pounds.

"Despite their differences, each family member needs foods which provide essential calcium, iron, vitamins and minerals, protein, fats and carbohydrates. To help supply the nutrients you need, select foods from these four basic food groups."

A paragraph is devoted to meat, vegetable and fruits, bread and cereals and the milk group. "Milk, a major source of calcium, also includes high-quality protein, vitamin A, riboflavin, and other nutrients. Adults should have at least two 8-ounce cups daily. Children should drink 3+

cups; teenagers, 4 or more. Cheese and ice cream may replace part of the milk."

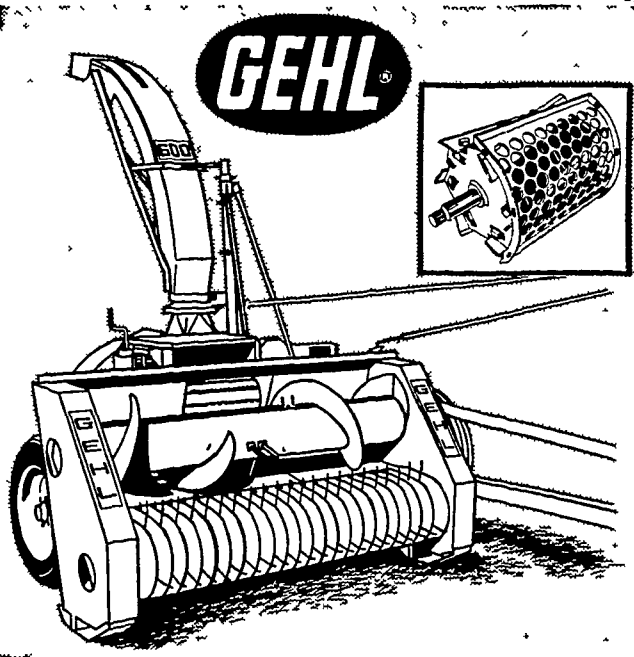
A paragraph on "extras" notes: "In addition to foods from the four basic groups, your diet will include varying amounts of sugar, butter, refined grain products, and some oils — all essential for food energy (calories) and flavor."

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