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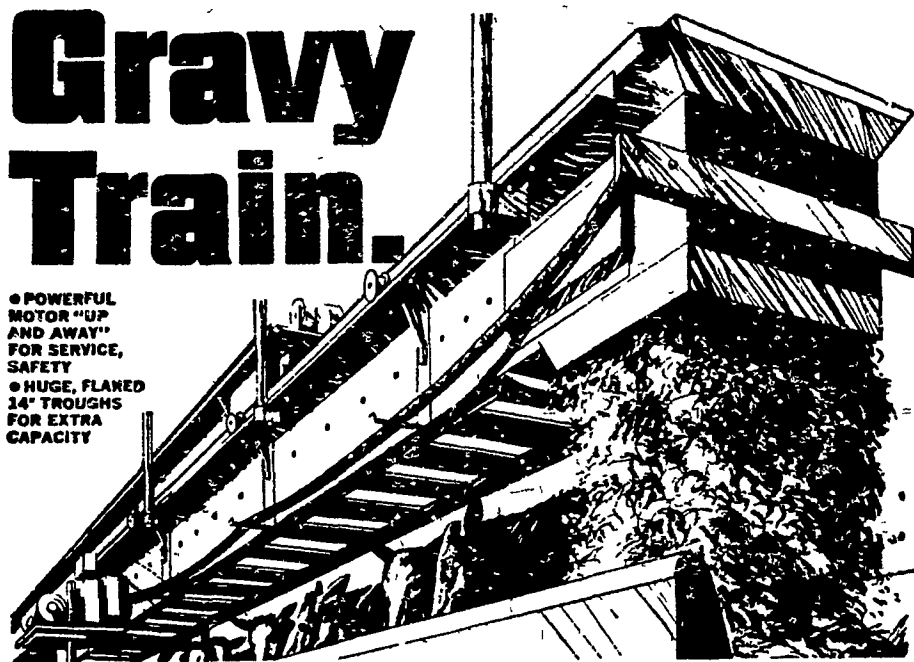
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Across the Editor's Desk

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thinking over night, but we did feel we could do a lot to make the Europeans understand that the U S Government intends to defend the American farmer's legitimate markets, and his rights under international agreements.

Basic to our conversations with European officials was the idea that U S agriculture should be regarded in international trading circles as a growth industry. We believe our agriculture is capable of contributing significantly more to the balance of payments than in the past. We explained that we have a comparative advantage with many agricultural commodities and that just as the Europeans count on their specialties such as small automobiles, machine parts or Scotch whiskey as products to help their balance of payments and provide foreign exchange, we think of agriculture in the same way and are looking for an expansion in foreign markets, not a contraction.

We came down hard on such aspects of Europe's common agricultural policy as the imposition of the variable levy and fixed high internal support prices. Our trade in commodities—especially feed grains—subject to those devices has dropped off 47 per cent since 1966. Restrictive practices fan the flames of protectionism elsewhere, we pointed out, including our own country.

We likewise voiced concern over the fact that the European Community has combined a social program with a price program, and that this has not worked. In an effort to attain social goals, prices are forced up to where they encourage the pro-

duction of surpluses, and then surpluses of certain commodities are pushed into traditional U S markets with the help of high export subsidies. We made it clear we consider these practices and various kinds of preferential arrangements unfair, and in a number of instances in violation of our negotiated rights under the GATT.

Repeatedly, we expressed concern about where such kinds of restrictionist and discriminatory measures will lead. We said it would be most helpful if the Europeans could come forth with some new initiatives that would support us in our efforts—our sincere efforts—to foster an atmosphere of freer, and more mutually beneficial, trade. We didn't get quick or automatic answers, and didn't expect to. But perhaps some answers will be forthcoming during the months ahead if we can keep up our conversations.

The whole subject of international trade—the developments to come in Europe particularly—is one in which your member organizations have a great stake, because an open trading world is vitally important to the agricultural industry of America.

I hope that you will stay in close touch with the situation. I am thinking of the relationships that some of your groups have with farm organizations in Europe. It will be important that we pool our efforts and keep at the job of trying to reach constructive understandings that can bring about trade cooperation instead of trade chaos.

York Firm to Sell Ag Limestone for Stoltzfus

The J. E. Baker Company, York, has assumed responsibility for exclusive sales of agricultural limestone products from the Stoltzfus quarry in Paradise, according to a joint announcement by John E. Baker, president of the Baker company, and M. A. Stoltzfus, president of D. M. Stoltzfus & Son Inc., Talmage.

Baker will market the dolomitic agricultural limestone produced at the quarry under the tradename of "Hy-Mag". The Baker company, which has been supplying agricultural limestone products to farmers since 1889, now supplies materials from four Pennsylvania quarries. These are located in Ephrata, Gap, Paradise and York.

"Hy-Mag" will be distributed primarily in the Lancaster county area.

Lifesaving Award Given

Robert McKinley, 84 N. Hershey Ave., Leola, a lineman for Pennsylvania Power & Light Company, recently received that firm's lifesaving award for his quick thinking after an incident that almost cost a small child her life.

McKinley successfully applied mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to 21-month-old Connie King after she accidentally swallowed turpentine and stopped breathing in a home accident last October 17.

Doctors credited McKinley with saving the child's life by sustaining her breathing through the mouth-to-mouth technique.

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