

U.S. Farm Bureau Adopts Resolutions

Voting delegates from member state Farm Bureaus to the 53rd annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation in the Conrad Hilton Hotel, called for new federal legislation to speed up the settlement of strikes in the transportation industry.

This was one of the resolutions presented to the voting delegates of the member state Farm Bureaus by the convention resolutions committee. To a great extent these resolutions are based on recommendations from member state Farm Bureaus.

The resolution calls for "immediate" enactment of federal legislation "to provide more effective means for protecting the public interest in transportation strikes." It supports a plan of arbitration under which the arbiters would choose between the final offers of the two parties to the dispute.

In the case of dock strikes like the ones that paralyzed many ports during the last half of 1971 and forced down the prices of grain and soybeans to producers, the resolution said (1) those in-

jured should be allowed to file suits for compensation and (2) state governments should be allowed to operate port facilities under emergency powers during strikes.

The U.S. Senate labor and public welfare committee has resumed hearings on S. 560 and other bills relating to procedures for settling longshore and other transportation disputes.

William J. Kuhfuss, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, reported that some estimates place net farm losses at about \$1 billion as the result of the effects on farm prices of grains due to the chaotic marketing condition created by the dock strikes.

The resolutions presented to the voting delegates also called for "an all-out campaign" to secure enactment of the National Agricultural Marketing and Bargaining Act — the Sisk bill — this year.

The Sisk bill provides that processors must bargain in good faith with representatives of qualified farmers' marketing associations. The legislation applies only to farm products marketed under contract such as processed fruits and vegetables.

"Reasonable people should be able to negotiate and come to conclusions or agreements without compulsion—provided that there are reasonable rules to be followed," the resolution stated. The resolution pointed out that Farm Bureau "seeks only equity in bargaining—not politically imposed compulsion." The Sisk bill is sponsored by 101

members of Congress. U.S. Representative Sisk (D) of Fresno, California, addressed the Tuesday morning general session of the convention and received resounding applause from some 6,000 farmers in attendance.

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz, making his first appearance before a farm audience since his confirmation by the U.S. Senate, said he was for farmers having more bargaining power so that they can have more "say" over their prices and terms of sale so that they—the farmers—remain in control of farming. Butz said he would testify in support of the Sisk bill.

Inflation control is another issue given top priority in the resolutions submitted to voting delegates.

The resolutions on this insisted upon prompt action by Congress and the Administration to reduce the federal deficit for 1972 and called for a balanced budget next year.

A one-year extension of the President's economic controls was called for in another resolution, but it was stressed that such controls can "at best" bring about short-term results.

Other resolutions:

—Support "more strict enforcement of laws protecting private and public property"

—Support retention of USDA as a cabinet-level department.

—Call for work toward a market oriented agriculture and the elimination of compensatory payments while allowing the Agricultural Act of 1970 to operate through the 1973 crop year.

—Oppose "strategic reserve" programs as "bad for producers, costly for taxpayers, and unnecessary for the protection of consumers."

—Oppose "a complete ban on the use of any agricultural drug and chemical unless it can be demonstrated positively by prolonged and responsible research that the use of such product represents a clear and present danger to health or that such use would seriously jeopardize our environment."

—Call for "a mandatory program under which livestock producers would certify that they have followed established directions concerning the required withdrawal period in connection with animal drugs and feed additives"

—Call for a moratorium on increases in federal grazing fees.

—Oppose limits on federal payments to participants in government farm programs.

—Reiterate that a U.S. farm export goal of \$10 billion per year is attainable "if we dedicate our efforts to supplying the demands for increased food and fiber consumption throughout the world"

—Call for an end, "as soon as practicable," to the surcharge on imports

—Advocate Congressional passage of a federal farm labor relations bill to meet

agriculture's special needs, including a ban on secondary boycotts

—Ask for preservation and expansion of the agricultural exemption from present truck transportation regulations.

—Emphasize that rural development must be generated through local initiative, aided by loans, grants, depreciation allowances, or investment credits on federal taxes

—Call for abolition of the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO)

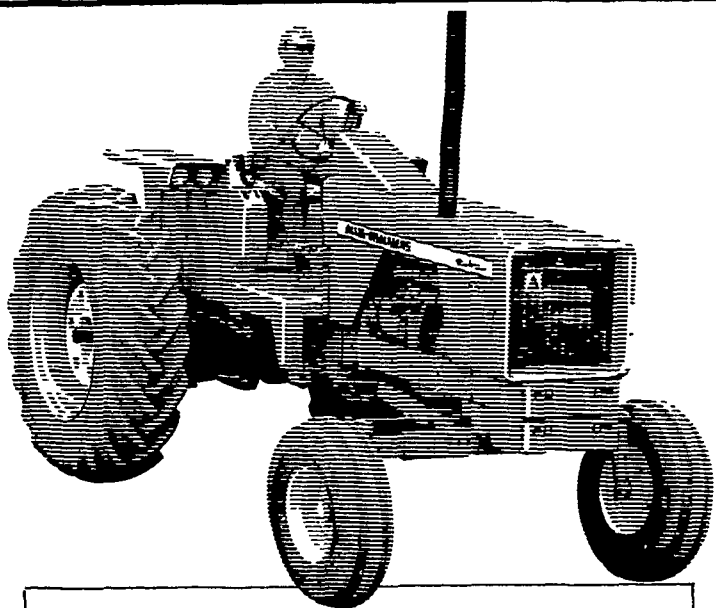
—Support the food stamp program "as a means of assisting those truly in need"

—Stress the need for adequate national security services

—Reaffirm their abiding faith in American Constitutional government, the private enterprise system, and man's inalienable right to worship God

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Livestock Leaders Take Diet Exhibit to Doctors

The concern of livestock association leaders regarding misunderstanding and misinformation on animal fats and heart disease has prompted action to help clear up the confusion.

It was this action that made it possible for the National Live Stock and Meat Board to produce an attractive eye-catching exhibit which carried the livestock and meat industry's side of the story to well over a thousand doctors attending the American Heart Association's annual convention in Anaheim, Calif., November 9-14.

Beef, pork and lamb groups cooperating financially in sponsoring the exhibit include the American Angus Assn., National Pork Producers Council, American Sheep Producers Council, National Lamb Feeders Assn. and National Wool Growers Assn., Lamb Education Committee.

Viewers of the Meat Board exhibit are asked tape-recorded

questions such as: Is diet related to heart disease? Does type of dietary fat cause development of atherosclerosis in humans? Is there some other mechanism or combination of mechanisms involved?

Following the questions, a viewing mechanism suggests some 16 variables that could possibly be related to atherosclerosis. The taped message then continues, "many medical scientists believe it is premature to suggest that diet modification is an answer. As a professional person, what do you think?"

Doctors then have an opportunity to tell what they think by filling out the questionnaire which is included in a folder distributed at the exhibit. The folder itself also presents the livestock and meat industry view — citing scientific reports — on the dietary fat-heart disease hypothesis.

Two pertinent reprints from highly respected Medical Counterpoint Magazine are also included. One, by its editor, Dr. Mark Altschule of Harvard Medical School, traces the long but unsuccessful search for evidence to support the dietary hypothesis. The other, by Dr. Edward R. Pinckney, Beverly Hills, Calif., expresses alarm over "commercialism" in promoting polyunsaturated (vegetable) fats and oils as part of the dietary hypothesis.

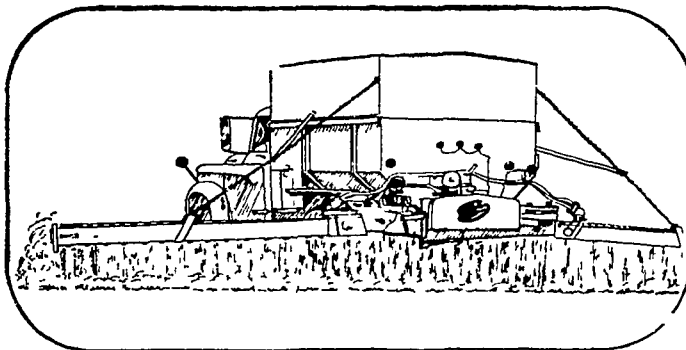
Finally, physicians are assured that the livestock and meat industry is willing to seek product changes if saturated animal fats should ever prove to be a culprit in heart disease.

The exhibit will also be displayed at the American Medical Association annual meeting in San Francisco, June 18-22, 1972, and possibly other major medical meetings throughout the country.

"Pastoral Epistles"

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