

Unity in National Farm Industry Is Needed

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At the same time, the rate of growth in the U. S. and Canada is "reasonable" and continuing to slow down.

In India the population continues to double every 25 years. World-wide the population is doubling every 33 years.

The evening program started with a film featuring Norman Borlaug, described as "the first dirty hand agricultural scientist" to receive the Nobel Peace Prize for his work in developing new strains of wheat to increase yields in the poor countries and a void world famine. In the film, Borlaug emphasized that "we will all starve" if use of pesticides is not allowed.

In commenting on the Borlaug film, Dr. McVickar emphasized that despite the "green revolution" being led by Borlaug

"food production is not keeping pace with population in the poor countries. The major food problems will (continue to) be in the developing countries and not in the developed countries such as the U. S. and Europe."

In India the population is continuing to rise at the rate of three per cent per year while food output is going up at only two per cent. Dr. Borlaug predicts, noted McVickar, that the green revolution "will buy only 30 years of time."

World-wide, Dr. McVickar noted there will continue to be food shortages in the underdeveloped countries for years to come while this country continues to be faced with surpluses.

But Dr. McVickar emphasized that the world is changing faster and faster, "a process both exciting and terrifying." He reviewed the history of transportation from the donkey to the train and car and airplane and even faster airplanes — all in this century. "And the speed at which we will travel will continue to go up."

He demonstrated the relative speeds of travel by holding up objects beginning with a grapefruit and ending with a pin head to emphasize how much faster this increased transportation speed enables people to get from one place to the other and literally shrinks the world.

As a result of all these transportation changes, according to Dr. McVickar, "what we do in Pennsylvania now has an influence on what they do in Red China and what they do in Red China has an influence on what we do in Pennsylvania. That's why the president's trip had to come."

He also stated, "All the people

of the world are truly living in one world."

He projected that by the year 2000 some 85 per cent of all the products in use then still have not yet been invented.

He foresees that competition will continue to become keener and keener in nearly all phases of agriculture. He predicts continued trends toward specialization, which will probably mean California will continue to dominate tomato production but Pennsylvania will continue to increase milk output.

Noting that the U. S. farmer already takes care of some 39 persons in this country and another six persons abroad through exports, McVickar projected an even greater world role for the farmer. He projected that China "may be a good customer for U. S. wheat,



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Won't Burn

Although water contains a combustible gas, hydrogen, it won't burn because it has already burned. Water is hydrogen dioxide resulting from the combustion of hydrogen and oxygen.

soybeans, cotton and products of that nature."

And while actual farm numbers continue to decline, farming is still the nation's number one industry and will continue to be number one for some time.

P&SA Bond Rules Tightened

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently announced a new policy which will require that surety bonds filed with the Packers and Stockyards Administration on a voluntary basis meet the same standards as bonds required of livestock market agencies and dealers under regulatory authority.

The new policy became effective January 8.

The policy does not affect such firms as livestock dealers and market agencies who are required to provide bonds as a measure of financial protection to the sellers with whom they do business.

The policy affects persons who are not required by the Act and regulations to post bonds. In recent years many persons have voluntarily filed various types of

bonds to show good faith and assurance of payment for livestock purchases.

Previously, the Packers and Stockyards Administration accepted voluntary bonds for informational purposes only. Under the new policy, P&SA will accept voluntary bonds only when they meet all conditions imposed on bonds required under the regulations. The agency will continue to provide assistance in bringing claims against voluntary bonds to a prompt conclusion.

P&SA officials said the new

policy is part of an overall program to provide better financial protection for livestock sellers, to prevent misunderstanding, and to protect the integrity of bonds required under P&S regulations.

The new policy was proposed in a notice published in the Federal Register on July 30, 1971. Interested parties were given opportunity to submit views, and generally supported the proposal.

Proceedings under the Packers and Stockyards Act are open to the public. Copies of this policy statement may be obtained from the Information Officer, Packers and Stockyards Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.



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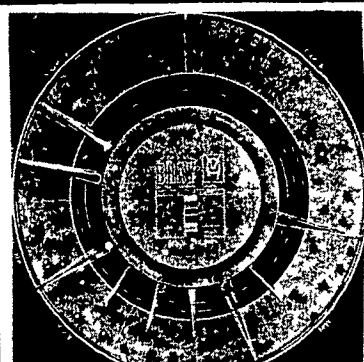
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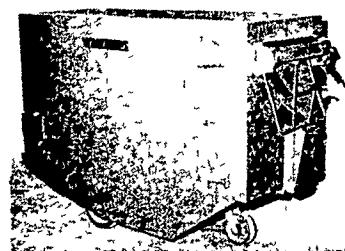
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