



ED ESHLEMAN'S WASHINGTON REPORT

Can one man make a difference in the modern world? I am asked that question often by people who for one reason or another have lost faith that an individual can bring about significant change in today's society.

In his travels to Peking and Moscow, President Nixon should have given new hope to those who have raised that question. While it cannot yet be said that the President has changed the world, it is apparent that he has brought the world to the brink of change. And for one man, even one as powerful as the President of the United States, that is an accomplishment worth noting.

Anyone who remembers things as they stood on our globe when the President took office can see the difference that he has made. In January, 1969 the foreign policy of our country was in shambles. The Vietnam dilemma, the Middle East crisis and our deteriorating relationships with our allies had put us in the position of being a world power with little or no influence in world events. Peace was an impossible dream because we were unable to deal with the other great powers in the world, namely Russia and China, in an effort to attain it.

But President Nixon changed the situation. Slowly and sometimes with the handicap of uninformed criticism he did those things that needed to be done before he could successfully negotiate with the Russians and Chinese on the goal of peace. He began a withdrawal from Vietnam, but one that fulfills our commitments rather than abandoning them. He worked toward cooling the crisis in the Middle East so that there was less chance of a shooting war that could produce a direct confrontation between the U.S. and the Soviet Union. And, he traveled and talked to our allies in an effort to assure them that the United States will continue its role in helping to keep the Free World free.

Only then could he open the doors to China. President Nixon had no illusions that traveling to Peking would result in making the Communist Chinese our friends. But ending our isolation of them meant that other nations could no longer think of the U.S.-China relationship as being non-existent. From the President's trip on, the world had to consider the possibility that we could get together with the Chinese on matters of mutual concern.

That fact increased the chances for success in Moscow.

Broiler Placements Up

The placement of broiler chicks in Pennsylvania as of June 9 went up 51,000 over the week before but the current findings of the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service show this to be still five per cent below the same week a year earlier.

The average of the 10 most recent weeks shows 1,187,000 broiler chicks being started on the feed cycle to marketing, seven per cent behind the same indicator in 1971.

The shipment of broiler-type chicks hatched in the Commonwealth for feeding and marketing elsewhere continues to run at a high level. The current three-week average is 266,000, 35 per cent ahead of the same period a year ago.

The rivalry between Moscow and Peking is well known, and the Soviet leaders were anxious to make certain that their ties to the United States were just as strong, or stronger, than those of the Chinese. Therefore, the President found a willingness to negotiate in Russia that no American President had found before.

All of this means that we once again have a working foreign policy. It is not a policy that promises instant peace, but it does make peace a possible dream. Danger still lies ahead for there is always the chance that all of the negotiations and all the hopes produced by those negotiations will break down in a moment of madness or because of some new drive to dominate the world. But today the future looks a little brighter for all of us because the United States is again in a position to exert some moral leadership. And one man made the difference.

Eastern Co-op Officers Named At Annual Meet

On June 8, the Board of Directors of Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative held its annual election of officers at the Association's headquarters in Syracuse, N.Y. The nearly 10,000 member dairy cooperative completed their 50th Annual Meeting the day before.

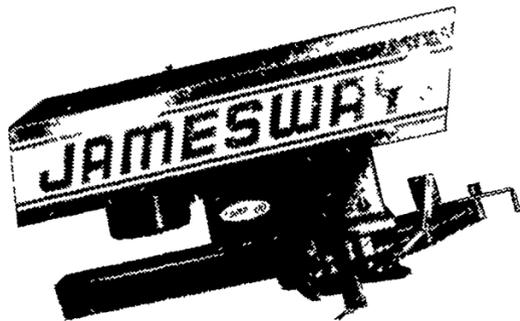
James L. Martin Dies at Age 37

James Lee Martin Sr., 37, died unexpectedly Monday at 8 p.m., while working on his farm at Strasburg R1.

Born in Manheim Twp., he was the son of Ralph S. and Amy R. Metzler Martin, both of East Petersburg. He was a member of the Neffsville Mennonite Church and was secretary-treasurer of the Lancaster County Farmers Assn. He was a farmer for about nine years and operated an automated hog and steer farm.

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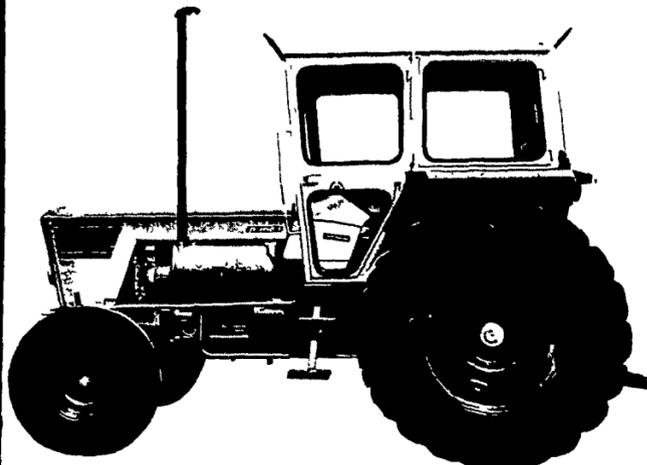
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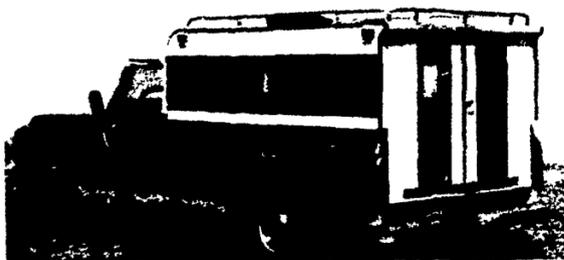
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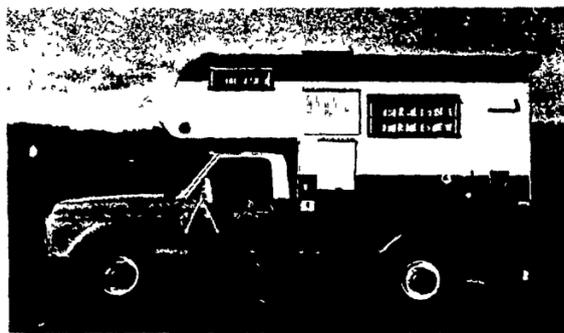
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