Imports of pork from France will be further restricted by USDA, effective immediately, as a result of an African swine fever outbreak in that country's Pyrenees Mountains. The disease is one of the world's most destructive swine illnesses.

Officials of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) said that listing France as an infected country will limit imports of French pork primarily to products that are canned, fully cooked and hermetically sealed. Cured and dried pork products still will be admitted. but only for further USDA-approved heat processing. Imports of live swine and fresh, chilled or frozen pork were already prohibited because of the presence of other livestock diseases such as foot-and-mouth disease and hog cholera.

Other countries that are listed as infected with African swine fever are Spain, Portugal, Cuba and all nations in

The disease outbreak was first reported Jan. 15, 1974, on a farm near Hasparren in the Pyrenees Atlantique Department (state), according to information received this month by APHIS officials from the Office of International

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Epizootics, Paris, France. Outbreaks were also reported at four other-locations in southwestern France.

APHIS officials said restrictions on the shipment of swine, pork and pork products to the United States are necessary to prevent spread of the disease to this country, where it could have a disastrous effect on the U.S. swine industry. A 1971 outbreak of African swine fever in Cuba resulted in the death of 33,000 swine within a three-month period.

African swine fever is a highly contagious virus disease affecting swine only. Its symptoms, which are nearly identical to those of acute hog cholera, include high fever, red blotches on the skin, internal bleeding, collapse of the animal and nearly 100 percent mortality.

Eradication is achieved only by destruction of all infected or exposed swine, quarantines on all farms in the vicinity of outbreaks, survey of swine herds, and cleaning and disinfection of all infected or exposed premises.

Notice of the APHIS action on French imports will be published in the Federal Register March 26.

# SCSA Meeting

"Land Use: Persuasion or America, August 11-14, 1974,

in Syracuse, New York.
Speakers during the meeting's general sessions will debate the merits of achieving wise use of the nation's land resources through education and-or legislative and administrative regulation. One general session will be a joint meeting with members the Conservation Education Association who are holding their annual conference in Syracuse the same week.

A series of concurrent technical sessions arranged by the Society's 10 conservation resource divisions will focus on specific land

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The Society will name its Fellow and Honor Award winners for 1974 during the meeting. Also to be announced are the recipients of the \$1,200 Donald A. Williams Soil Conservation Scholarship for 1974 and twenty \$500 Gildea Scholarships in Conservation for 1974-75.

Members of the Society's Empire State Chapter are the official hosts for the meeting. Activities will center in the Hotel Syracuse.

Chariman of the Program Committee for the meeting is Warren Doolittle, director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Northeastern Forest Experiment Station, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania. Robert Eddleman, assistant state conservationist for USDA's Soil Conservation Service, Baldwinsville, New York, is in charge of local arrangements.

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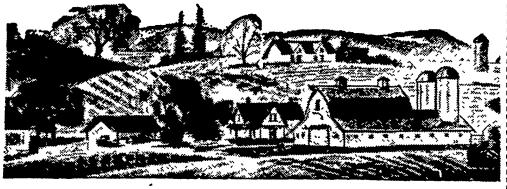
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