

## Butz Completes Asian Plans

Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz said recently that, in talks with Asian countries next month, he will emphasize "the need for continued trade liberalization as a basis for long-term trade development between the United States and East and

Southeast Asia." He leaves April 2 for three weeks of consultations in six Asian markets.

The Secretary said that "powerful economic forces are at work in Asia, as evidenced by the sudden preeminence of that area among U.S. agricultural

markets. This fiscal year for the first time, Asia has become our largest market for farm commodities, after more than 350 years in which Europe was our largest market."

U.S. agricultural exports to Asian countries in fiscal year 1974 are estimated at \$8.5 billion, compared with \$7.6 billion to Europe.

Allan Grant, Berkeley, Calif., vice president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, will accompany Secretary Butz during the talks with Asian agriculture and trade officials. Mr. Grant, who is also president of the California Farm Bureau, will serve as special adviser to the Secretary.

Also in the official party will be Orion L. Samuelson, farm service director of WGN, WGN-TV Chicago; Thomas Doughty, managing editor, The Farmer magazine, St. Paul, Minn.; and Fred Kiewit, farm editor, the Kansas City Star, Kansas City, Mo.

USDA staff accompanying the Secretary will include David L. Hume, administrator of USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service and formerly U.S. agricultural attache in Tokyo; Claude W. Gifford, director of communication, USDA; Evan Hale, administrative assistant to Secretary Butz; William Horbaly, assistant ad-

## Ayrshire, Jersey Brown Swiss 4-H

The second meeting of the Ayrshire, Jersey, Brown Swiss 4-H Dairy Club was held on Monday, April 8, at the home of Brenda Eshelman, Elizabethtown.

Under old business the club discussed the joint meeting with the other dairy clubs, and a committee was appointed to help plan the meeting.

ministrator, agricultural attaches, FAS; Eugene Ransom, Far East and South Asia Area Officer, FAS; and J. Don Looper, director of information, FAS.

The club leaders discussed the record books with the members, and members were reminded that April 30 is the deadline for having animals registered in the owners name.

The next meeting will be held on May 13, at 7:30 p.m. at Rohrer Witmer's, Willow Street. Club members will practice judging, under the direction of N. Allen Bair, Associate County Agent. There will also be a demonstration given by Linda Witmer.

Lois Wanner  
News Reporter

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Over 140,000 persons watched tractor pulls at Harrisburg, Pa. where the Winternationals were held; Toronto, Canada at the Canadian Farm Show; Indianapolis, Indiana at the Super Pull; and a Macon and Tifton Georgia. Thousands watched pulls at Lake City, Ocala, Eustis, Kissimmee, Florida and Ft. Worth Texas.

In all over \$122,000.00 was

paid in purse and prize money on the winter circuit. The winter season did establish one first—the largest purse ever paid at one pull, \$50,000.00,—at the Indy Super Pull in which over 32,000 people watched the three day affair.

The winter circuit ended nine weeks of top notch tractor pulling. The competitors have headed home to take care of their farming operations and other businesses.



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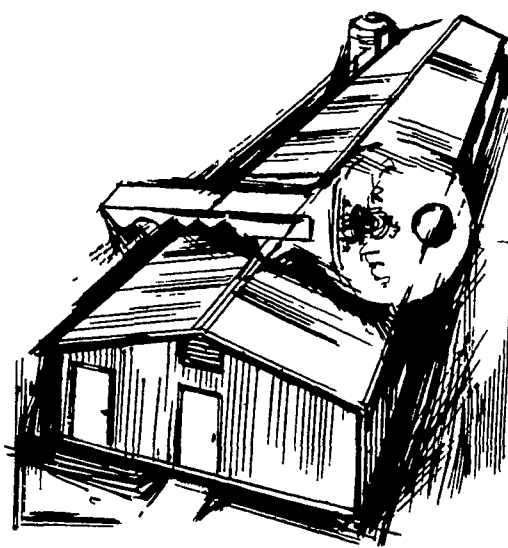
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