

Americans Giving 25% More to CROP Appeal

1974 will be remembered as the year of many things, among them the year that Americans became fully aware of the world hunger crisis.

This increased awareness, and a desire to do something to correct the problem, was reflected in their giving to CROP - the Community Hunger Appeal of Church World Service.

In 1974, people all across America gave \$4,029,558 to the CROP Hunger Appeal. This was an increase of 25 percent over 1973. An additional \$312,418 was given to purchase blankets for the Church World Service Clothing Appeal, administered by CROP.

1974 witnessed many changes in the world hunger situation. The Sahel of West Africa, drought-ridden for six years, finally received adequate rainfall. CROP-CWS programs in this area, which had been focusing on emergency aid, shifted to long-range development projects. CROP funds are now being used to build a new

way of life for thousands of nomads, helping them become settled farmers.

Elsewhere, the situation continued to worsen. The Indian sub-continent, India and Bangladesh, faces its worst famine since the great famine of Bengal in 1943. There are still serious food shortages in some areas of the Sahel and in many nations across Africa, Asia and Latin America.

CROP has already begun to respond to this critical need. In January, 1975, 1,000 metric tons of wheat from CROP and CWS is sailing for India. This is the first of planned multiple shipments to help alleviate the suffering in that nation.

CROP also responded to the many natural disasters that rocked the world in 1974 with clothing, blankets and food. CROP Regional Directors served as resource persons to help several U.S. communities recover after the spring tornadoes that hit the midwestern United States. When Hurricane Fifi cut its deadly swath across Honduras, CROP immediately sent in high-protein food and chocolate milk drink to aid the victims.

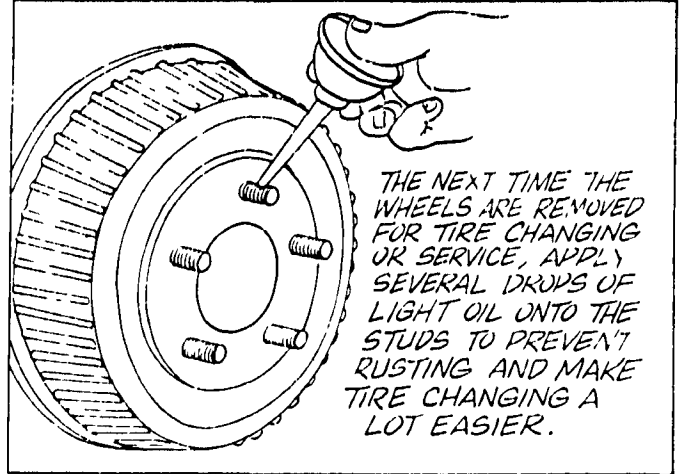
This aid was made possible by the thousands of volunteers who worked on their own, and in conjunction with the 17 CROP Regional Offices, to raise funds to help hungry people. These volunteers canvassed their neighbors, recruited sponsors for walking and fasting and worked in innumerable ways to make this a record year for CROP. In many rural areas, farmers donated grain or profits from "Friendship Acres." Various corporations in the United States contributed food products, seeds, tools and cash worth \$204,419.

Again in 1974, the Mid-Atlantic Region led in contributions with a total of \$412,877. The highest single state was Kansas with \$410,964. Other states that went over \$300,000 in donations were Indiana, Illinois, New Jersey and Ohio.

The year 1974 also saw many new ways adopted by CROP volunteers to raise funds. A New Jersey man twice braved a carnival "dunk tank" for CROP. A pastor in Kansas walked backwards the entire length of a CROP Walk For the Hungry. Ralph Waite of "The Waltons" led 1,800 people across Pomona, California, including some crippled youth who literally wore the wheels off their wheelchairs. An 80-year young California lady surprised everyone but herself by completing a 10-mile hunger walk. And in Illinois, a group of melodic CROP workers unlimbered their vocal cords for the first CROP Hymn-a-Thon!

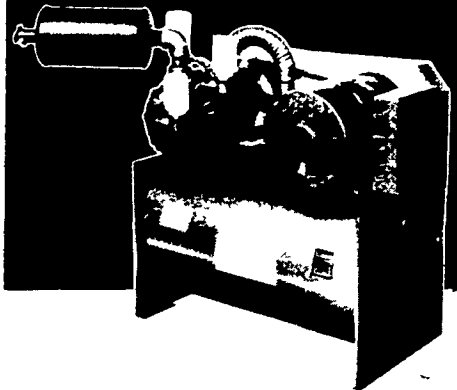
Throughout the year, CROP provided seeds, tools, other self-help materials and food for "food-for-work" projects to over 30 countries on five continents. In addition, blankets and clothing amounting to 2,528,480 pounds were given to CROP to be sent around the world to help disaster victims.

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The conference starts at 9 a.m. on April 1 and runs to noon the next day. Topics include information on current health management programs, rodent control, personnel management and motivation, using the computer to forecast the future, and many other important industry opportunities (problems).

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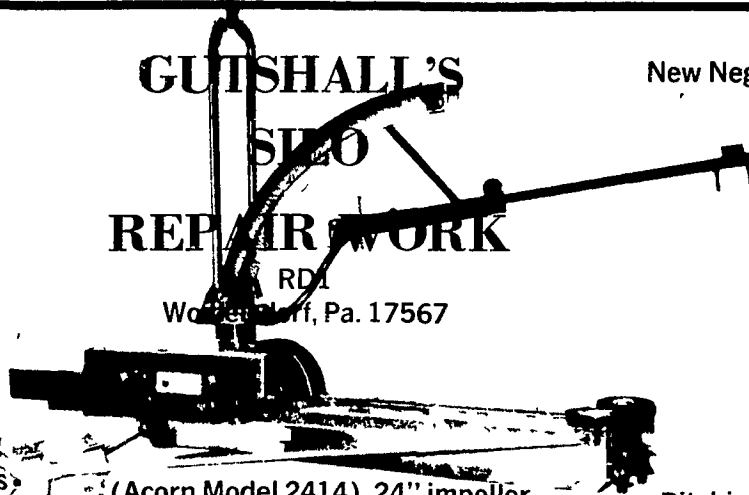
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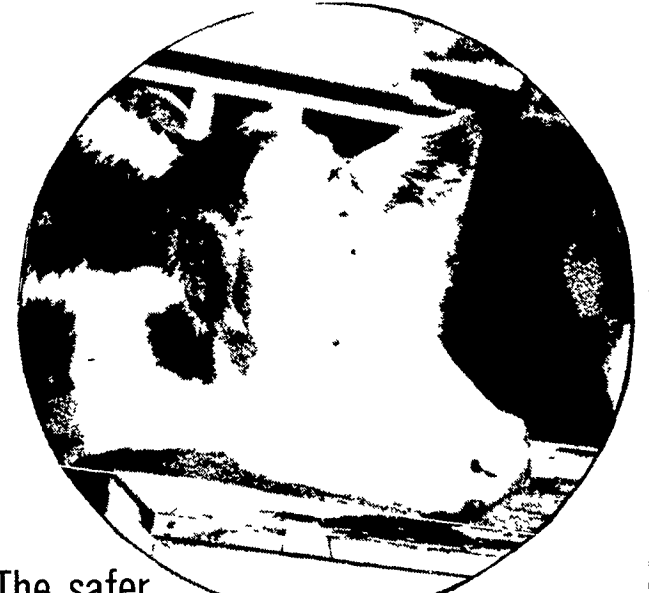
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