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director of the Federation's Fleming declared. Washington office, said "They have jeopardized repeated efforts by "left- the income earning opwing political activists" to build a political coalition of farmers and labor union members "will continue to fail."

"The inherent weakness in any farmer-labor coalition when President George Meany of the AFL-CIO aided and abetted by Secretary of Labor Dunlop persuaded President Ford to place an embargo on U.S. grain sales to the Soviet Union.

"This anti-farmer effort by the forces of labor played right into the hands of Secretary of State Kissinger, whose support for the cartelization of trade through international commodity agreements drew a sharp protect from the American Farm Bureau Federation Board of Directors long before the Soviet grain embargo was announced.

Farmers haven't forgotten that it was labor leaders who launched the campaign to have price controls on food imposed in 1973 — action thereby make a shambles of which created such devastating dislocations in the livestock industry then and later.

"Those farm-state U.S. senators and representatives who in the past have sought to make common cause with lawmakers from uniondominated industrial states in an effort to win passage of government farm program bills have done — and are doing - a disservice to and Ike Weaver.

Fleming, who is also American agriculture."

"They have jeopardized portunities of American agriculture. Target prices and compensatory payments - the Brannan plan - do not provide a reliable basis for future agricultural income.

"Many urban members of was demonstrated this year Congress who voted for the farm bill in 1975 did so in an overt effort to get rural members of Congress obligated to vote for bigspending urban legislation.

"This was made crystal clear when the House of Representatives voted on the motion to override President Ford's veto of the 1975 farm

"At that time. President Kuhfuss of the American Farm Bureau Federation told all of the House that the effort to override the veto was not prompted by concern for the welfare of agrıculture.

"Instead," he said, "it was spearheaded by George Meany as an integral part of the AFL-CIO's budgetbusting campaign to create a \$100 billion deficit and

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budget set by President Ford instance of action adverse to and the Congressional the interests of farmers and budget committees.

"Treacherous concepts can be - and often are phraseology," declared.

that one," he said.

Fleming said that in- nedy Round." ternational trade - on the declared.

countervailing of cheese and ham from front.

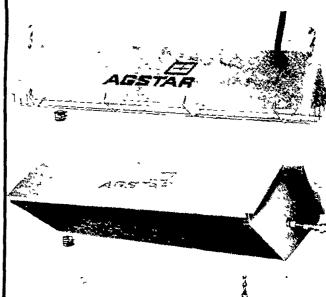
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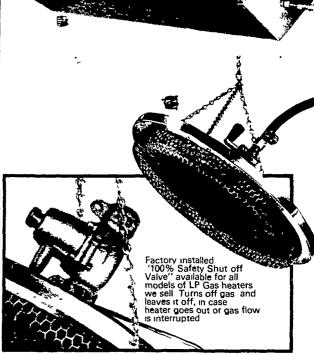
"Meanwhile, in the larger arena of expanding mutually packaged in seductive advantageous international Fleming trade it remains to be seen whether the international Fleming noted that the trade negotiations now Senate Nutrition Committee underway in Geneva achas proposed that Congress tually will result in expanded create a food and nutrition world trade - or whether policy board - composed of our government will permit the Secretaries of HEW, separate negotiations on State, and Agriculture - in agricultural and industrial the office of the President. products, repeating the "See who comes in last on mistake which was made 10 years ago during the Ken-

"Federal land use control basis of comparative ad-remains a major threat to vantage and "fair com- farmers and ranchers," petition" - was dealt a Fleming said. "Even as severe blow by the 1975 members of the House Ingrains embargo. "Political terior Committee were manipulation of trade is a rejecting Representative very poor substitute for the udall's federal land use market system," he control bill, the 'controllers' were coming through the "The failure of the Ad- back door and using the ministration to impose federal Water Quality Act to duties achieve their goals. You can against subsidized imports expect more action on this



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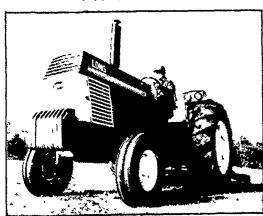
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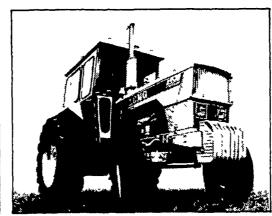


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