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Public supports jug milk operators

WASHINGTON, D.C. - One hundred thousand consumer signatures on a "Freeman proposal" petition against assessments on consumer milk and against oppression of family farmers, were delivered recently to Pennsylvania Senators Hugh Scott, Senator Richard Schweiker and the Pennsylvania congressional delegation by representatives of the Pennsylvania Milk Juggers Association, Inc., a group that produces and markets milk directly to consumers at prices below super market prices.

The petitions were signed in 20 congressional districts by people from all walks of life including housewives, workers, ministers and businessmen. In some districts the signatures exceeded 14,000.

Frank Bertovich president of the association said, "These petitions represent an outpouring of public fear and anger against Washington bureaucracy. Some people waited in line 15 minutes to sign the petition. The signature rate was over 95 percent. I think my \$11,000.00 fine convinced a lot of people something was wrong."

Maynard Rothenberger a family farm retailer from Montgomery County whose plight was reported in U.S.

News and World Report, earlier this year, said "Everyone sympathized with me because I got a

\$2,400.00 assessment for doing business just the way I always have for years. The audits are something else

too. It is getting hard to tell the difference between communist control and this type of oppression. Soon

there'll be nothing left to fight about."

The battle has already had political repercussions upon the tight race for the Republican presidential nomination.

Charles Dodd, a family farmer from Corry, and a delegate to the National Republican Convention said, "I saw Secretary Butz. He said he would free us, but he didn't because he can't control the bureaucracy. Common sense and fairness are unknown to these bureaucrats. Its strange because they can find ways to help the Co-ops involved in Watergate, and who pay millions in political contributions. I switched to Reagan on account of this and I told the Pennsylvania delegation why I did. I got a lot of support and I believe more will follow."

Language accomplishing some of the objectives of the petition has been drawn by attorney John Benjamin Carroll of Syracuse, New York and was submitted to a Senate Agriculture committee hearing but said Carroll, "No one paid any attention because we were



Pennsylvania's two senators, Minority Leader Hugh Scott, second from right, and Richard Schweiker, right, receive petitions signed by 100,000 consumers from throughout Pennsylvania from Charles Dodd, left, a family farmer from Corry, Erie

County. With them is Frank Bertovich, president of the Pennsylvania Milk Juggers Association, Inc. The petitions, seeking amendments to federal milk regulation orders, were presented to the two senators in Scott's office at the Capitol.

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Soviets boost soybean prices; wheat is good

By DIETER KRIEG

LANCASTER — Soviet grain purchases during the past week have caused soybean prices to skyrocket by more than 50 cents per bushel, and the impact has caused prices for other grain commodities to go up as well. Lancaster's grain prices for Thursday (printed on one of the market pages) illustrate the effect:

Average ear corn prices are up a dollar per ton compared to a week ago, and over \$10 per ton, compared to May 7. Shelled corn, now averaging a selling price of just under \$3.50 per bushel, sold for \$3.34 bushel last week and \$3.02 on May 7. The pattern holds true for oats, barley and other commodities as well. Soybeans, which were quoted at \$7.15 per

bushel on Thursday afternoon, were \$6.57 last week, and just \$4.70 in early May.

Wheat prices are also rising. The paying price this week is up four cents from last Thursday, and nearly 30 cents higher than two months ago. (The wheat harvest in southeastern

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Thorny rose bushes in pasture of concern

Control requires caution

By DIETER KRIEG

Good qualities defended

LANCASTER - That vigorous thorny rose with clusters of small flowers is being attacked in various parts of the country, with the latest battle shaping up in southern Pennsylvania counties.

The multiflora rose, long used as a plant for wildlife and land management, and

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HARRISBURG — The multiflora rose is still considered to be a very beneficial wildlife plant by the Division of Land Management, Pennsylvania Game Commission. As such, the state agency still makes plants available to those who want the stock, although a spokesman for the Commission notes that they will "make every effort not to contribute to the problem."

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York County farm wife receives top prize

PARK RIDGE, Ill. — A 30-year old York County farm woman — Joyce Bupp — has been named national winner in a year-long Bicentennial essay project involving farm and ranch people. Winners in the contest were announced on July 4 by the American Farm Bureau Federation, which sponsored the essay writing. Co-winner along with Mrs. Bupp was a Tennessee farmer, John K.

Ferrell. Each will receive round-trip air fare to Hawaii and \$250.00 in expense money for authoring what were considered equal top entries. Trips will be taken in conjunction with the 58th annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation, to be held in Honolulu, January 9-13, 1977.

In announcing the decision of a national panel of judges, American Farm Bureau

president, Allan Grant, noted that the 206 entries in the contest — billed as a "thinking - writing cam-

paign in the spirit of those farmers who fought at Lexington and Concord" — were written by farm and ranch people from 35 states.

stitutional course for the next 200 years."

The rules called for the essays to: — stimulate an awareness of individual worth — build national pride and strength — identify incentives which tap the creativity of a free people, and — analyze the constitutional soundness of local, state and national

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