

# Shirley Temple addresses Farm Bureau

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HONOLULU, Hawaii - Shirley Temple Black, U. S. Chief of Protocol and former ambassador to Ghana, and Ambassador Frederick B. Dent, special representative for trade negotiations, were the keynote speakers during the American Farm Bureau Federation's 58th Annual Convention in Honolulu held January 9 through 12.

Mrs. Black, America's child movie sweetheart of the depression, was appointed Chief of Protocol to serve as the government's official greeter to foreign ambassadors and visiting dignitaries. Her address during the convention session focused on the responsibility of American farmers to help feed the world.

"Food shortages, famine and death are our lot, pessimistic experts predict," warned Mrs. Black. "Some say there is only a 27-day grain reserve in the world."

"There is a growing awareness of 100 million hungry people in the Third World. Our American farmer superstars will be called upon again to help alleviate world hunger," she added.

Turning toward solutions to the mounting problem of world hunger, the Chief of Protocol emphasized a growing dependency on food from under water, citing the unlimited possibilities of what she termed "mariculture or aquaculture."

"China has farmed fish for many years; they have over 400,000 acres of catfish farming," explained Mrs. Black.

Catfish raising is becoming increasingly popular in U.S. southern states. Enthusiastic growers cite high protein output from relatively small areas, averaging 30,000 pounds of ready-to-eat fish per acre every 18 months.

Other "underwater feedlots" suggested by Mrs. Black may include more exotic crawfish, salmon which are born in pens and then return to their place of birth at maturity by natural instinct, and super-fast growing grass carp, which grow from a three-inch fingerling to a two-pound harvest-size fish in three months. Also offering possibilities as water-grown protein is the silver carp, an "environmentalist fish," which cleans up polluted waters while growing at quite rapid speeds.

Mrs. Black told a news conference that she hopes to serve the Carter Administration in some capacity in dealing with problems of Third World nations.

Mrs. Black said she had served eight U.S.

presidents in one capacity or another, and that she felt her background in Republican Politics had no negative bearing on her ability to serve the new Democratic Administration in the area of international affairs.

Earlier, Mrs. Black told an audience of 8500 farm people that a prime national commitment must be to "alleviate the pain of global hunger," much of which she said she had seen as a former ambassador to Ghana. She said its solution must come from a partnership of goals among nations; Africa with its vast store of minerals and petroleum; the U.S. with its great technological proficiency, and unparalleled production of food and other needed farm products.

"Irrevocable economic sinews bind us together in a dance of harmony," she said, "either we swoop around the dance floor in relative harmony, or we will surely wind up stepping all over each other's toes."

Ambassador Dent, the speaker to follow Mrs. Black, represents the United States in multilateral trade negotiations in Geneva Switzerland. His job is to work with other

representatives from countries all over the world whose goal is to liberalize current tariff and non-tariff trade barriers.

"It almost goes without saying that to obtain concessions of foreign trade barriers we must be prepared to offer concessions," Dent told the assembled delegates.

"You would be surprised how many people say 'Go out and get me concessions but do not reduce the barriers protecting me against foreign imports.' If everyone took this view, there would be no negotiations . . . a tragic result for America's agriculture in particular, since ag exports are more than double the level of ag imports," said Dent.

The Ambassador encouraged the Farm Bureau members to continue the production records they have set in the past. But he warned that to maintain the level of exports that have now been reached, producers will need to improve their marketing efficiency, as well as maintain the past production excellence.

Over 16,000 Farm Bureau members attended the four-day convention. The organization is the largest of its kind in the country.



Former child movie star, Shirley Temple Black, was one of the keynote speakers at the Farm Bureau's Annual Convention. Still a charmer, Mrs. Black serves as U. S. Chief of Protocol, based in Washington, D.C. She described her job as "getting things done so it looks easy, with no goofs, no flaws."

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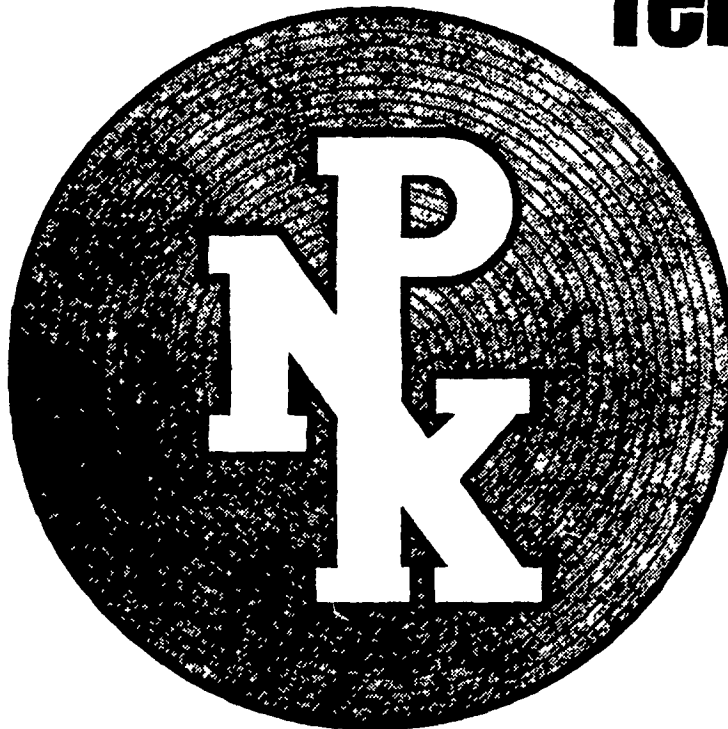
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