



Congressman Robert Walker, center, meets with Polish ag students and program organizers on the steps of the U.S. Capitol. With him are, left to right: Carol Eby, staff, Agricultural Training Program; Dr. Jerzy Rasinski, agricultural attache, Embassy of Poland; Danuta Gala, trainee from New Alexandria, Pa.; Andrzej Lachut, trainee from

San Jose, Calif.; Mieczyslaw Hulboj, trainee from Glen Rock, Pa.; Maria Mroz, trainee from West Chester, Pa.; Stanislaw Naumick, trainee from Bloomsburg, Pa.; Regina Minetti, trainee from East Berlin, Pa.; Jan Olak, trainee from Easton, Pa.; and John Pederson, coordinator, Agricultural Training Program.

### Polish agriculturists visit United States

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Eighty-five young Polish agriculturalists who have lived for the past 13 months with American farm families were greeted here recently on the steps of the U.S. Capitol by senators and representatives from the Poles' host families' states. The Poles are part of a group of 91 who are the first to

complete the Polish Agricultural Training Program, an exchange designed to promote international understanding and the sharing of modern agricultural technology. A total of 124 Polish trainees are still on American host farms in 13 states in this on-going agricultural exchange. Last year, 23 Americans

visited on Polish farms for six-twelve months. About 15 delegates will go to Poland this year. The Polish Agricultural Training Program is coordinated in the U.S. by National 4-H Council in behalf of the Cooperative Extension Service of the State Land-Grant Universities and the U.S. Department of

Agriculture. In Poland, the exchange is coordinated by The National Council of the Polish Society of Agricultural Industry Engineers (SITR) and The National Council of the Union of Socialist Rural Youth (ZSMP).



## Social Security

### revisions opposed

PARK RIDGE Ill. - Allan Grant, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, recently expressed the firm opposition of the nation's farm and ranch families to major provisions of the Administration's recommendations for revisions in the social security tax structure.

"The proposals announced by President Carter on May 9 fail to face up to the basic problem which is the high cost and actuarial unsoundness of the present program," Grant said.

"The proposal to increase taxes on employers and to use general revenues to supplement social security tax revenues is an admission by the Administration that the program is in difficulty.

"We recognize that a serious problem exists, but further increases in benefits, taxes, and the wage base will not provide a solution," the farm leader declared.

"Instead," he added, "Farm Bureau urges the President and Congress to begin an immediate study of an overhaul of the social security system with the objective of achieving an actuarially sound system at the end of a five-to-ten-year period."

Grant noted that self-employed farmers pay higher social security taxes than employed workers do. "For hundreds of thousands of farm and Ranch families the social security tax is a greater burden than the federal income tax," he said.

"Rather than proposing increases in both the social security tax and the federal deficit, the Administration should move promptly to develop an affordable program," he concluded.

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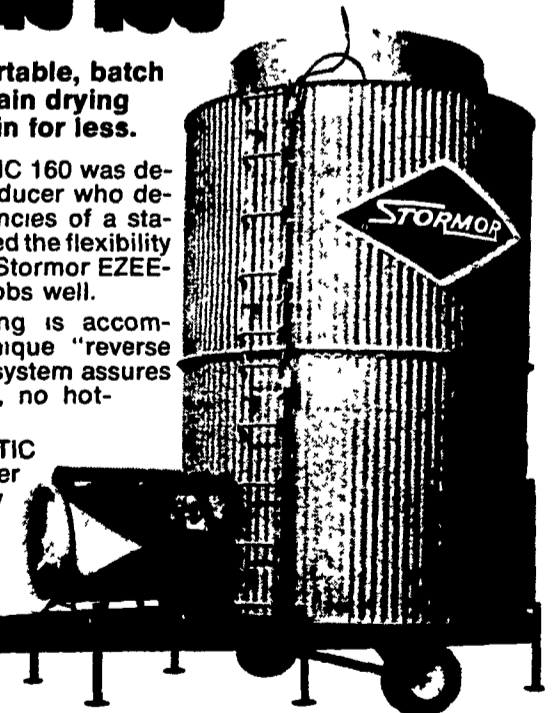
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