

Food problem is three-pronged

UNIVERSITY PARK - The food problem has at least three major causes - chronic hunger for 1 billion people, famine in low income groups throughout the world and the dilemma of population outstripping food production. That's the view of Dr. Wayne A. Schutjer, an international economist in development at Pennsylvania State University.

Dr. Schutjer said that the population of the developing nations - not matched by an equal increase in food production - could result in nearly 20 million more deaths from starvation than would have occurred under similar circumstances in 1950, he affirmed.

"To avoid such famine, food production in the developing nations must increase at 3.5 per cent annually instead of the current 2.7 per cent," Dr. Schutjer declared.

In contrast, population among the developed nations is increasing at only one per cent annually. This allows a reasonable increase in food supplies, he pointed out.

Dr. Schutjer indicated that programs and policies are available for the U.S. and other nations to assist the developing countries to meet their food needs. Ultimately, however, the solutions must be found in the food-deficit

nations themselves, he stated.

For such nations to produce adequate food, birth control must be used widely and other social and economic changes must be introduced into agriculture. Such changes would redistribute income downward so that poor people would have income to buy food. And farmers, he added, must have access to land and capital needed to increase food production - both lacking in many developing nations.

"The transformation will be difficult, expensive, time-consuming, and not without political turmoil and occasional violence," he declared. "To redistribute assets and create institutions to benefit the poor and those who are currently not well served goes against the existing patterns of wealth and power."

For 13 years, Dr. Schutjer has been responsible for studies of international

agricultural development in the College of Agriculture. During an 18 month leave-of-absence from Penn State, he served as the Southeast Asia program advisor for the Ford Foundation. Earlier he directed the Research and Training Network of the Agricultural Development Council. Prior to this he was an international economist in the Policy Planning Division of the Agency for International Development (AID).

A major role exists for U.S. assistance in providing food aid in developing agricultural technology, he said. Food aid would be directed at the malnutrition and famine phases of world food problems. Technology suited to conditions in poor countries would ease the food production problem. However, he concluded, it is not likely that the "have not" nations will welcome foreign assistance in changing the distribution of wealth and power.

Tax views aired

HARRISBURG - Proposed state spending for the next year - requiring from \$470 million to \$600 million in new taxes - "is a frightening, alarming prospect," according to the Pennsylvania Chamber of Commerce.

In a letter sent to all members of legislature, Robert Hibbard, president of the statewide business organization, cautioned the lawmakers that "there is a politically popular attitude that business must always participate in any new tax increase program."

The Chamber spokesman criticized the school subsidy bill now being debated by the legislature. Calling the legislation "fiscally irresponsible," Hibbard said it had a built-in escalator

"mandating that the Pennsylvania General Assembly increase public school subsidies by more than \$100 million each year for the next three years."

Hibbard said that if the General Assembly finds that additional state taxes are needed, the Chamber recommends that serious consideration be given to increasing the sales tax rate. "Pennsylvania's sales tax is equitable," he said. "It's paid by both business and individuals."

He also suggested that consideration be given to financing some additional school costs at the local level by authorizing an increase in the earned income tax rate for local school district use only.

Top seamstress named

HARRISBURG - A blue denim gaucho pants outfit made by 15-year-old Carol Weyand of Rockwood R3, Somerset County, won one of five first place winners in the final competition of the annual National Grange sewing contest.

Carol's outfit was one of 185 garments from all parts of the nation that were judged in the national finals in New York City. First place state winners in each of the five classes of competition were entered in the finals.

Last month Carol's entry

took first place in Class B (for 10 to 17 year old competitors) of the Pennsylvania State Grange competition, then was awarded the best-of-show honors.

Winner of the national best-of-show honor will be announced at the annual convention of the National Grange to be held at Greensboro, N. C. Nov. 14-22.

Two years ago, Mary Louise Schuler of Fleetwood R3, Berks County, who was then 17 years old, won first place honors in state and national Grange competition in the 10 to 17 year age group.

Sales were negative

WASHINGTON, D. C. - Sales of grain sorghum, corn and cotton, the first reduction in total soybean sales this marketing year, and exports of barley, soybeans and cotton led commodity activity for the week ending May 29, as reported recently in the U. S. Department of Agriculture weekly U. S. Export Sales Report.

Sales cancellations of soybeans more than offset reported new sales, with the result that net sales were negative.

Reported exports of soybeans, 318,800 metric tons, continued strong. Principal destinations were the European Community, Japan, and Taiwan.

Reported sales of corn showed a pick up in activity

over the preceding two weeks.

Reported exports of barley continued heavy for the second consecutive week. Principal destinations were Denmark, United Kingdom and Columbia.

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pieces of pine, six spindle back chairs, other sets

of chairs, lots of odd chairs, Morris chair, several high

chairs, trunks, round and flat, two treadle sewing

machines, chestnut dresser, office chairs, upright

refrigerator, lift top pine desk.

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tables, round tables, no pedestals, Larkin desk,

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churn, crock churn, several nice picture

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