

Co-op councils attend conference



Delegates and resource personnel from the Chester-Delaware Cooperative Council were: Roberta Ekdahl, of West Chester; Alison Scheib, of RD2, Phoenixville; Rachel Weinstock, of Phoenixville; Daniel Brooks, of RD1, Cochranville; and Kennard Henley, of RD1, Cochranville. Back row from left: Warren Hilberg, of RD2, Phoenixville; Tom Kearns, of Spring City; Daryl Schafer, of RD1 Spring City; Jonathan Weinstock, of Phoenixville; Stephen Greer, of RD3, Oxford; and Edward Kulp, of Pottstown.

AFBF against labor amendment

WASHINGTON, D. C. - Farm Bureau on Wednesday strongly opposed President Jimmy Carter's proposals - which have the blessings of organized labor - to amend the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA).
In a statement to the House Subcommittee on Labor - Management Relations considering amendments to the NLRA, American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) said

provisions of H.R. 8410 "tilt the Act too far in the direction of labor."
The AFBF statement said that the balance of power between management and labor has tipped too far on the side of labor, citing as an example that it is illegal for a group of corporations to get together and close down an entire industry. Yet, it is perfectly legal for a labor union to close down that same industry.

Farm Bureau opposes expanding the Board that administers the NLRA from five to seven members as proposed by organized labor. The statement said that Farm Bureau does not believe the size of the Board has anything to do with delays in decision making.

If more staff is needed to speed up the work, the AFBF statement said in essence: Hire more help. We can support that.

the AFBF statement continued.

The statement added that Farm Bureau fully supports the right of workers to organize into nonprofit unions to act collectively to improve their economic welfare, and also favors amendments to the NLRA to require secret ballot elections on representation, calling, maintaining or resuming a strike.

"In the long run," the statement concludes, "a labor movement based upon the free choice of individual workers, rather than on coercion, will be a stronger labor movement, since it will benefit from the support of members who believe in it and want to see it succeed in their own interest and in the best interests of the public as a whole."

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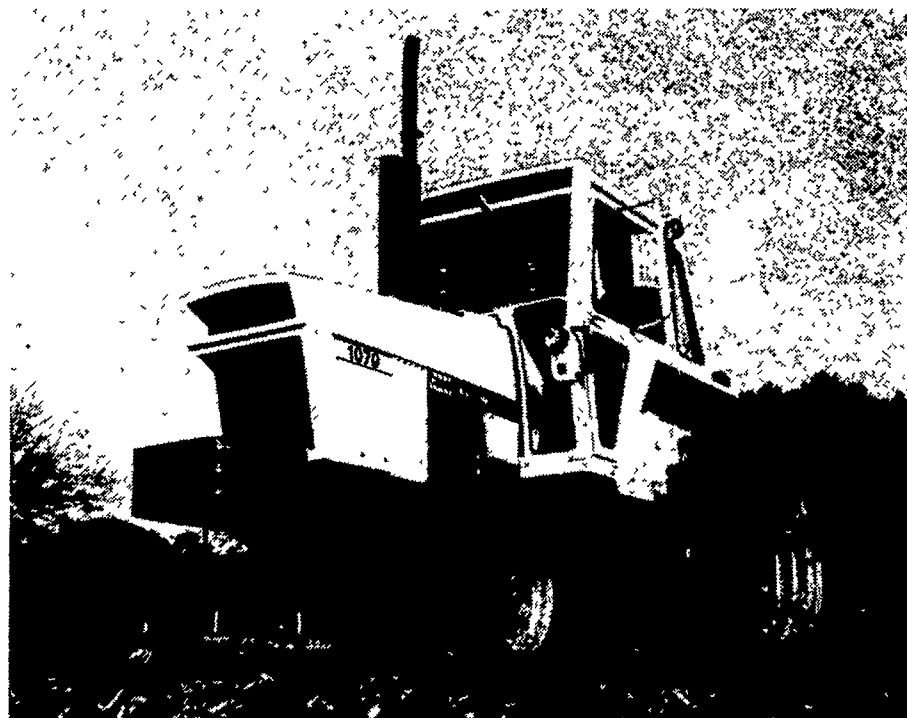
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