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## Farm insurance contemplated

By DIETER KRIEG  
WASHINGTON, D.C.—  
USDA Secretary Bob Bergland says he'll do everything he can to take "the bloom" out of outrageous land prices and provide farmers with a workable insurance program which will be

broader and better than anything available now.

The USDA chief made the comment at a recent news conference here with farm editors from all across the nation.

Bergland said he favors the revamping of disaster relief programs and related

lending systems. Referring to present procedures as "Mickey Mouse aid programs", the Secretary said he favors a plan which would be available to every farmer in the U.S. The way he envisions it, the program would be administered through the ASCS committees in each county and crop production levels would be determined by them instead of a computer in

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## Shed burn evident in tobacco

By DIETER KRIEG  
PENNSYLVANIA  
WASHINGTON—For many tobacco growers in Lancaster County, this year's curing season had a damaging effect on an otherwise excellent crop.

According to a survey of

farmers and tobacco buyers, shed burn has taken place to some degree in nearly every crop around the county, and in some areas heavy damage has occurred.

Earlier in the season, several growers near New

Holland reported crops rotting in the shed to the extent of heavy damage. Still other farmers indicate that curing is coming along fine, for the most part, with

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## Landfill threatens 92 acres

By DIETER KRIEG  
PENNSYLVANIA  
A group of concerned citizens in northern Lancaster County is preparing for an upcoming court battle involving their opposition to a landfill, and a Lancaster County Court's decision that they should have it. Involved are 92 acres of land, 70 acres of which are regarded as being valuable farmland.

Calling themselves the Save Our Soils Committee (SOS Committee), of Penn and Elizabeth Townships, the group consists of 20 core

members who are actively seeking public and financial support for their collective battle. James Bachman, Manheim R3, is chairman; Rick Gunning,

Penryn, is treasurer, and Scott Shank, Penryn, serves as secretary.

In a telephone interview

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## Grant is worried

HARTFORD, Conn. - American Farm Bureau President Allan Grant says he's worried about implications in "the startling statistics of a recent survey

of high school students, reported by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. They were:

-Sixty-seven per cent of the

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