

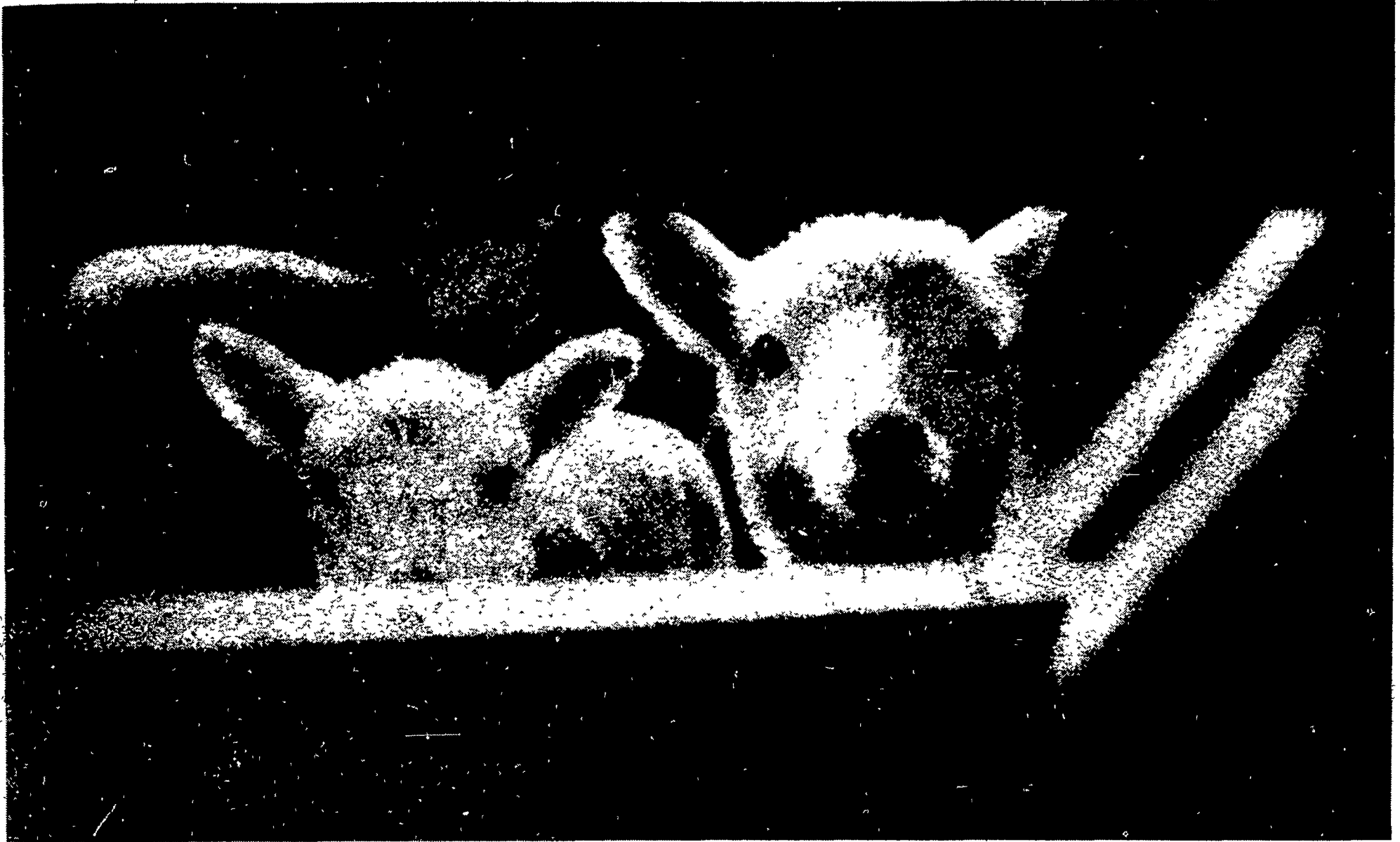
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Butz blasts 'cheap food policy'

By DIETER KRIEG
HERSHEY - Former United States Department of Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz played the role of comedian, philosopher, and government critic here Tuesday evening before a

gathering of more than 500 people from a five-state area. He was greeted with a standing ovation at the start and conclusion of his nearly one-hour long presentation. In predictable and expected fashion, the former

USDA chief hit hard at the United States' cheap food policies. He stopped short however, of criticizing his successor at USDA, Robert Bergland, whom he describes as a fine and capable man. Butz places

the blame for present bungling within USDA on the people Bergland has to work with. Butz claimed no secretary of agriculture could work with the staff Bergland was given through political appointments.

The occasion of Butz's appearance here in Chocolate Town, U.S.A. was the district convention of the Farm Credit Banks of Baltimore and its member associations. The event brought in agriculturalists

from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, and West Virginia and lasted for two days. Butz highlighted the dinner at the conclusion of the two-day meetings.

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Market lamb numbers down for Easter trade

By JOANNE SPAHR
LANCASTER - About this time of year, every year, an abundance of lambs and goats are taken to market for the Easter trade. Purchased to supply the Italian and Greek holidays, the

average desired animal is a four to seven week old, 25 to 40 pound lamb or a milk-fed goat. Special Easter sales have been going on around the Commonwealth for the past several weeks, and prices

this year are higher than last year ranging from \$1.15 to \$1.60 per pound for choice Spring lambs and up to \$45 for top quality kid goats. The factor behind the high prices is a smaller supply. According to growers,

Easter is early this year, which makes it harder to produce the desired size lambs for market. Goats are also down, partially because shipments from the West were down this year. As a result, this week at

sales, buyers battled over the choice animals, coming up with relatively high prices. In a few weeks, another market will be held for the Greek Easter which comes four weeks behind the Italian Easter on April 30. At

that time buyers will be looking for heavier lambs because the Greeks prefer them a little fatter. The buyers will not be purchasing goats for this par-

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Raising rabbits a success for Manheim FFA'er

By KENDACE BERRY
MASTERTONVILLE - Rabbits, rabbits, and more rabbits can be found hopping around Duane Martin, Manheim R4. The 14-year-old FFA member raises rabbits as a project in his chapter, keeping an average of 90 of the white furred, long eared animals on his parents' farm. It all started when his older brothers got some rabbits and Duane took them over. Then a neighbor got him interested in the

animals in a large sense, and he began to raise them in earnest, selling them to a market in Lebanon County. Every two weeks he takes

between 20 and 30 of his New Zealand whites to market. The rabbits are used for laboratory experiments, and the youth explained that he

has a year round established price guaranteed. He feeds the rabbits once a day, using a special small J-bin that allows the rabbits to

eat as much as they want. He keeps a record of all the rabbits individually, with the information noted on the side of the feed bin.

Automatic waterers are also used. They are hooked up to a hose and at the end the rabbit drinks from, are shaped like a nipple. The rabbit simply sucks on the water whenever he wants to with no problems of water spillage.

With this system there is no need for the constant filling of the water containers and the rabbits are kept clean.

To be sent to his market,

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