

# Butz displeased

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that farmers are not getting a fair deal from the government. His style includes plenty of off-color jokes and verbal punches which others might be afraid to deliver.

One of Butz's chief concerns is the deterioration of this nation's incentive system. The farm, he says, is one of the few places left in America where the incentive system is still practiced. The family farm, he added, is the best illustration of it.

Blasting this nation's welfare system, the former agriculture chief said he doesn't blame the man who is taking advantage of welfare payments, but rather the system which pays him more to loaf than to work.

Butz is also sharply critical of Congress, charging that a third of its members are owned by organized labor.

"We sell this as a national philosophy," Butz declared, referring to give-aways and other programs which cut personal incentives. "What we need to do is get our story

out ... we need to mount an aggressive campaign of informing the people and get some fiscal sanity in Washington, D.C. We've got to get this story across," he emphasized.

While sharply critical of the Carter Administration's agricultural policies, Butz also reminded his listeners that they themselves take food for granted.

To illustrate his point, he referred to the Lord's Prayer and the plea: "Give us this day our daily bread." Butz claimed that most people in this country don't take that portion of the prayer seriously. "You take food for granted," he said. But around the world, he explained, two out of three people would realistically pray for food and mean it.

"Here in this country two out of three people pray: 'Lord, give me courage to remain on our diet,'" Butz opinionized. "Full-page newspaper ads are trying to trick you into buying food you don't need," he continued.

Lowered food prices and a "cheap food policy" are also



Dr. Earl Butz

on the former agriculture secretary's "hit list." He claims he once told a reporter that food prices will go down when his station's advertising rates go down and his pay check is decreased. "Now, where do you want to begin this cycle?" he claims to have demanded of the man.

Noting that USDA economists just this week predicted a food price increase of 8 to 10 per cent for 1979, Butz said it was a story which received attention in every household because all housewives can identify with it. Leaving his audience with the obvious impression that talk of high-priced food angers him, Butz praised the American farmer for his production and reminded them that nowhere else on Earth does it require so little to put so much food on the table. According to Butz just 17 per cent of a person's net pay check is spent on groceries.

Recollecting the era of mass demonstrations, Butz said he used to see signs declaring that "food is for people, not for profit." His rebuttal is emphatic: "If there isn't going to be any profit, then there won't be any food for people."

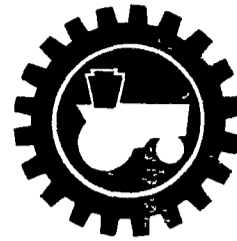
According to Butz, who was forced to resign from his post two years ago because of an allegedly offensive ethnic slur, the Carter Administration has done nothing to improve the farmer's situation. He calls Assistant Agriculture Secretary Carol Tucker Foreman "the ultimate insult" to agriculture and charges that she has done to red meat consumption what the Titanic did to ocean traveling. He says that Mrs. Foreman is on an unwarranted crusade to associate cancer with nitrates in meat, and in doing so she is exposing Americans to the risk of botulism. According to Butz's findings, a person would have to eat 15 tons of bacon per day to reach the level of nitrates that laboratory rats are being exposed to in cancer research.

Butz is vigorously defensive of the American diet, claiming that attacks on food quality, purity, nutrition, and price are unnecessary.

The Carter Administration is following a so-called cheap food policy, Butz continued, explaining that the grain provisions are designed to keep prices down and to insure that "never again will the farmer receive \$5 for a bushel of wheat." Butz claims that the reserves will be used to dump grain on the market when the price rises to above Administration-allowed levels.

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# Implement dealers hear Butz



SEVEN SPRINGS — Members of the Pennsylvania Farm and Power Equipment Association met here this week for their 65th annual convention with former USDA Secretary Earl Butz as their headlined speaker. The former agricultural chief, who reportedly "told the story of agriculture as it is," spoke for over an hour and received a standing ovation.

Held here at the Seven Springs Resort Hotel, the annual meeting got underway Sunday and lasted through Wednesday. An estimated 550 people attended the affair, which was complete with a trade show hosted by 50 exhibitors.

Exhibits were only open to the approximately 500 members of the Association, explained Arthur J. Smith, who organized the meeting and serves as executive director.

Praising farmers for their accomplishments and dedication, Butz remarked that today's agriculturalist is no longer a laborer. Rather, he is a capitalist who has hundreds of thousands of dollars invested in his profession. According to the former ag chief it takes in the neighborhood of \$200,000 worth of investments to create one agricultural job on the farm.

Concluding that he is "fed up with the administration's cheap food policy," Butz urged farmers to stand up for their fair share.

The exhibits featured only short line equipment distributors, while major manufacturers hosted breakfasts and luncheons for attendees.

With numerous speakers featured during the 4-day convention, PFPEA members had opportunities to listen to talks on topics ranging from marketing to dealer-employee relations.

New officers were also elected. They are as follows: Elmer Eisenbrown, New Brighton area White Farm Equipment dealer, president; Jim Straley, Dover area Ford dealer, first vice president; and Web Snyder, Massey-Ferguson dealer from Watsonstown, second vice president.

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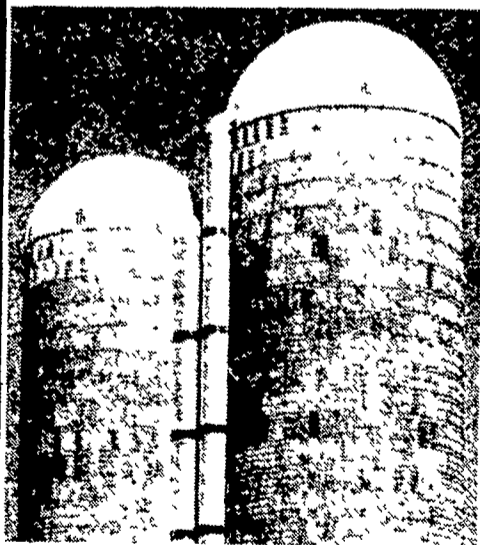
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