Bergland predicts benefits for farmers

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. -Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland says the Multilateral Trade Negotiations concluded recently in Geneva, Switzerland, will result in "substantial benefits for agricultural trade," and

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reverse the trend toward protectionism.

Speaking before the Ninth Federal Reserve District's Farm Forum here on Feb. 13, Bergland said that market access agreements. negotiated with developed countries at Geneva

represent a reduction in trade barriers on about \$3 the success of U.S. billion in U.S. agricultural exports, benefitting about 150 farm products.

"For these gains," he said. "we of course had to make some offers ourselves, and they touch some sensitive areas. But they are relatively modest, and the result will be an overall substantial benefit for agricultural trade."

Bergland said the key to agricultural export is a farm policy that last year made it possible for American farmers to earn the second highest net income in history, while keeping the price of their products competitive in the world market-

"If we were to make drastic changes in that policy we are convinced that

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world markets continues to spur demand for food and feedstuffs. Bergland projected farm product exports at about \$29 billion for the current fiscal yearthe tenth consecutive year of record sales of U.S. agricultural commodities abroad.

Last fiscal year the value of U.S. farm exports increased 14 percent to a economic growth in major record \$27.3 billion.

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Legislation prohibiting the payloanians for Right to Work use of compulsory union as "a long overdue camdues for political purposes in paign reform protecting Pennsylvania was hailed individual freedom of here recently by Penn- choice"

The bill, H.B. 383, was introduced in the State House by Representative Stephen F. Freind (R-Delaware County). Cosponsors include Representatives Alden, Burd, Dietz, Foster, Geist, Honaman, Lashinger, Frank Mackowski, Lynch, Madigan, Mowery, Noye, Polite, Punt, Pyles, Scheaffer, Sieminski, Sirianni, Earl Smith, L. Eugene Smith, Taylor, Vroon, Weidner and Wenger. An amendment to the state Election Code, H.B. 383 would make it unlawful for any organization in which membership or dues. payment is required as a

over the long run our export

volume would decline and

farm earnings would drop,"

In Bergland's judgement,

this could be "disastrous for

our farmers, calamitous for

our balance of trade, and a

decided setback in the battle

He forecasts another

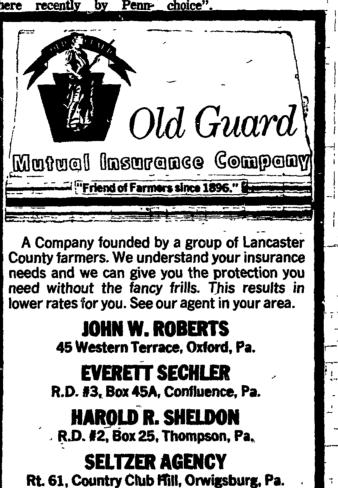
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he said.

condition of use such ce directly or in Pennsylve to Work is launching a drive to mobilize public support for H.B. 383. "Public opinion polls and last November's election - of free-choice supporters to the Legislature indicate a clear mandate from the people. The citizens of Pennsylvania do not want political decisions dictated to them by union officials using compulsory dues dollars. Now it's up to the Legislature to follow that mandate by passing H.B. 383," says Pennsylvania for Right to Work President Albin W. Simokat.



his wife, Jane, have four children.

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eight acres of his land were condemned for a landfill, but | highest awards in the United public pressure and a strong determination by the Barleys won out.

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The award recipient farms a total of 1400 acres, of which 650 is owned in partnership with his brother, Abram. Together they own one of the largest dairy operations in and Company served as Lancaster County. He and isponsor for the 1979 event.

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