

Eastern says it's

'on the climb in '79'

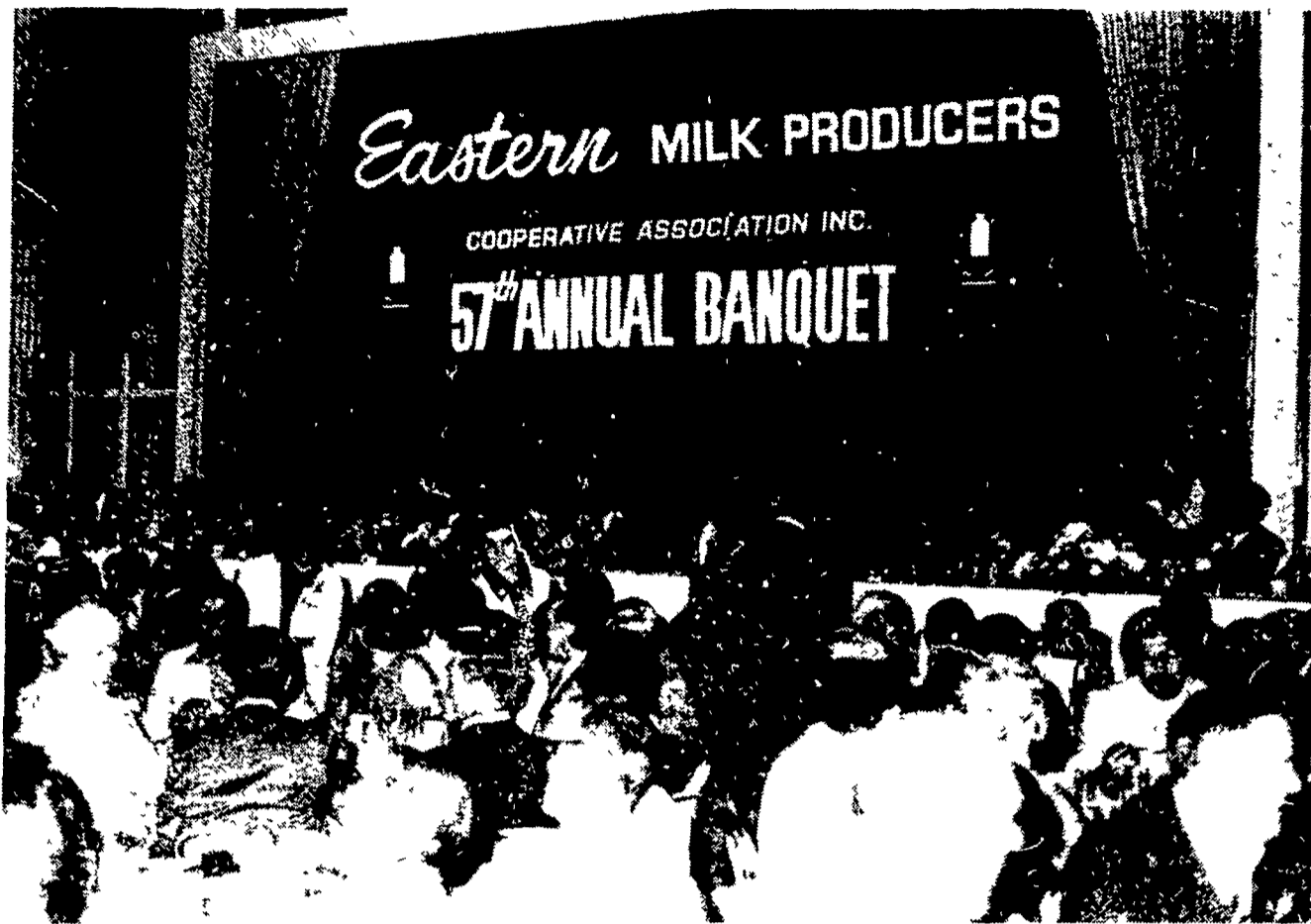
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leadership in matters concerning farm legislation. He directed specific attention to New York State's Milk Security Fund, which Eastern helped to formulate. Similarly, Eastern is very much involved in getting such a fund for Pennsylvania's milk producers.

"Those interested in finding out what the facts are, are also in the best position to help make decisions," Barber emphasized.

Woody Moffett, represented New Jersey's Agriculture Department. He serves as a deputy commissioner and said that his state has only 700 dairy farmers. Two billion pounds of milk are consumed annually in New Jersey, he said, while the state's own dairy farmers can only provide about 500 million pounds per year. Congratulating Eastern for its success and venture, Moffett pointed out that his state needs the marketing of other cooperatives.

Also represented at Eastern's banquet were milk dealers, Leprino management personnel, news reporters, dairy princesses, and guests from other dairy cooperatives. Lancaster Farming newspaper was presented with the 1979 Distinguished Service Reporting Award. It was given "In appreciation of your efforts on behalf of the dairy industry. The cooperative movement among dairy farmers who supply milk to the federal orders of the Northeast has been furthered by your contribution in reporting farm news," said Eastern's general manager Howard McDonald.



Eastern Milk Producers' annual meeting took place in the 10th floor ballroom of the Hotel Syracuse. It began with a full course dinner and

was followed by several short speeches, entertainment, and dancing.

Farm Bureau endorses trade package

PARK RIDGE, Ill. — Farm Bureau, the nation's largest general farm organization has endorsed the trade package resulting from General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) negotiations conducted over the past five years in Geneva.

In urging Congress to approve the proposal, American Farm Bureau Federation President Allan Grant said that Farm Bureau had "carefully weighed the package in its final form and determined that overall it represents considerable gain for U.S. agriculture.

"We didn't get all we wanted, but feel that

producers of U.S. farm commodities are net winners," Grant said. Farm Bureau leaders served on all of the U.S. technical advisory committees, he noted.

The decision to support the trade package was made during a regular meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation Board of Directors, and came after a review of policies set by voting delegates and consideration of the trade proposal's impact on U.S. agriculture.

Negotiators representing 41 nations have agreed upon the package. National legislative bodies including the U.S. Congress must now approve or reject the results.

Congress must receive the trade package and necessary implementing legislation by June 15, after which support or rejection must come within 90 days.

Grant noted that concessions were made by foreign countries on approximately one-fourth of those U.S. agricultural exports presently restricted by trade barriers. Concessions were received on about \$4 billion worth of U.S. agricultural exports and are expected to increase U.S. agricultural exports by \$500 million annually.

He added that concessions were made by the United States on \$2.6 billion worth of agricultural imports, which are expected to increase

annually by about \$175 million.



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