

## Senator says use oil tax to buy embargoed grain

NEW ORLEANS, La. — Senator Dale Bumpers of Arkansas, Monday advocated raising the oil companies windfall profit tax another \$5 billion to buy grain embargoed from the

Soviet Union and start building alcohol plants. Bumpers said it would cost over \$3 billion to buy 13 million tons of corn for processing into alcohol. That much corn, he said,

will produce enough alcohol to displace four days of gasoline consumption in this country. He added it would also supply enough gasohol for 44 days of personal trans-

portation, or displace for two days the total petroleum consumption in this country. Speaking at the 51st annual meeting of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, Bumpers said

the U.S. must tell the Soviets that they're going to pay the highest price possible for invading Afghanistan short of a military confrontation. "The U.S. can't stand idly by and allow 25 million tons of our grain to go to anybody who is guilty of such

Afghanistan. He told the cooperative leaders that there are no options available to the United States that are cost-free. The Soviet expert said that the U.S. embargo of grain destined for the USSR was absolutely necessary. "It focuses on the fact that agriculture is the soft underbelly of the Soviet Union," Dyess declared.

aggression," the Senator said. "It would, in effect, be rewarding them."

Bumpers said the President and Congress must assure American farmers that the 17 million tons of embargoed grain the U.S. government is going to buy will be isolated.

"And the Chicago Board of Trade and other traders must recognize that the grain is not now, or ever, going to be available to them," he added.

"It might be well to tell farmers that they will never receive less than the January 4 closing market price of about \$6.25 for soybeans and \$2.80 for corn," Bumpers declared. "They have to have that assurance if we're going to keep their faith."

William J. Dyess, deputy assistant secretary of state, discussed the need for a strong U.S. reaction to the Soviet invasion of

"The Soviets currently have a shortfall of some 50 million tons of grain," said Dyess. "Our 17-million-ton embargo is about half of the amount they'll import. They'll have to sell off livestock. The Soviet people will feel it, and they won't recover soon."

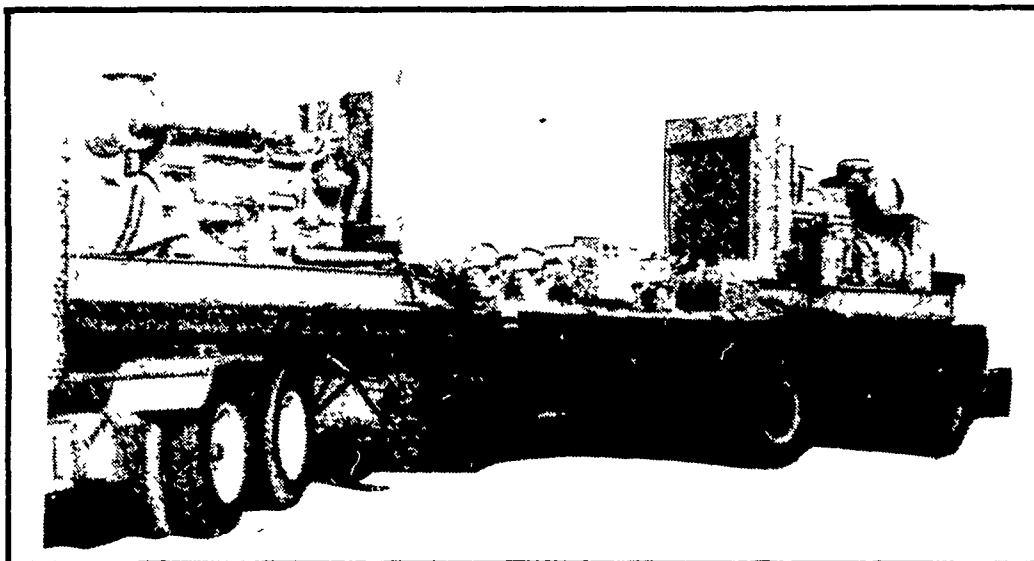
Dyess quickly added American farmers should not have to pay for the embargo decision in any undue manner. Rather, he noted, the costs should be spread across the U.S. economy.

The career foreign service officer stated that the Administration's goal on the embargo is no loss in U.S. farm income. "The Administration is sincere about this goal," he concluded, "and I think they'll do everything they can to follow through on it."

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## York County Council meets

YORK — The York County 4-H Council met January 2 at the 4-H Center near Bair.

County Council officers are planning an educational program for Officer's Training which will be held at the Center on January 19, 1980. Club officers and 4-H members interested in becoming officers should attend the workshops.

The 4-H Expo will be held February 8 and 9 at the York Mall. The Expo is to publicize 4-H to York County.

The extension office has two new members. They are Brenda Walters and Jim Hull.

Candy sale awards were presented to the top ten

salespersons in the county. They are Donna Doll, Candy Hartlaub, Wendy Am-spacher, Mike Welsh, Julie Knaub, Karen Smith, Louri Reed, David Lentz, Mike Ziegler, and David Sailor.

Bonnie Wire gave a slide presentation on National 4-H Congress for 1979. She commented that the only way to get to Chicago is to fill out a blue form. Tony Dobrosky also told us about the availability of judging teams.

February Reported assignments are the Bull Dogs and Crestwood Kids Club. Davidsburg and East Prospect Clubs will have refreshments at the February 6 meeting.

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