

Alien farm ownership bill sails through House vote

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HARRISBURG — When a bill passes the Pennsylvania House of Representatives by a vote of 186 to 3, as the non-resident alien farm ownership bill did recently, it makes one wonder what the tiny minority of dissenters was thinking about.

"They were worried about the constitutionality of the bill," Mrs. June Honaman, a Lancaster County representative and a

member of the House agriculture committee reported. "They didn't want us to sell our farmland to non-resident aliens, but they voted against the bill because they weren't sure it could stand up against a constitutional challenge.

"Our research leads us to believe that it is in keeping with the constitution, and I know a lot of other states have already passed similar legislation," she said.

Mrs. Honaman is the prime sponsor of the

measure, House bill 177J, which is now being considered by the Senate.

It would prevent non-resident aliens, either individuals or corporations, from buying more than 100 acres of agricultural land in the Commonwealth.

Impetus for the bill came not so much from the immediate threat of a mass buyout of Pennsylvania farmland by absentee oil sheiks for Japanese businessmen, but from the spectre of what could happen without protective legislation, Mrs. Honaman explained.

"We're not sure how much Pennsylvania farmland is owned by non-resident aliens, but we do know it's not a lot," she said, "not nearly as much as is the case

in Florida or California, for example."

But with similar legislation now existing in 25 other states, it would seem logical to assume that foreign nationals with a yen for American farmland would have to go to states without protective laws.

Besides, Mrs. Honaman pointed out, other countries, notably Japan and OPEC nations, have rather strict rules governing the purchase of their land by outsiders.

Another point she brought up was that non-residents who realize a capital gain from the sale of landholdings pay a much lower capital gains tax on their profits, a tax quirk that could lead to speculative abuses.

She said the IRS estimates

that last year, the capital gains rule for foreigners cost the U.S. Treasury some \$14 million in tax revenues.

That's the difference between the capital gains

tax paid by foreigners who profited from the sale of farmland, and the tax that would have been paid by U.S. citizens if they had been doing the selling.

Farm Calendar

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- Atlantic Breeders Cooperative Membership Meeting; 7:00 p.m.; Quarryville Methodist Church.
- Lebanon County 4-H Livestock Banquet; 7:00 p.m.; Schaefferstown Fire Hall.
- Maryland Nurseryman's Day; Adult Education Center, University of Maryland; 9:00 a.m.
- Dorchester Vine Crops Meeting; American Legion Hall, Hurlock, Md.
- Hunterdon County, N.J. Extension Farm Crops Meeting; 8:00 p.m.; Hunterdon Extension Center, Flemington, N.J.
- Small Farm Workshop; 7:30 p.m.; Middletown High School, Middletown, N.J.
- Cecil County, Md., Dairy Day; 9:30 a.m.; Calvert Grange Hall.
- Wednesday, February 20**
- Cumberland County-Atlantic Dairy Day; 10:00 a.m.; South Middleton Fire Hall, Boiling Springs.
- Basic Swine Management Conference; 10:00 a.m.; J.O. Keller Conference Center, Penn State University; continues through February 21 and 22.
- Maryland Flower Growers Day; Adult Education Center, University of Maryland.
- Pesticide Certification Meeting; 7:30 p.m.; Union Grove School.
- Thursday, February 21**
- Biglerville Young Farmers

pesticide recertification meeting; 7:30 p.m.; Biglerville Vo-Ag Dept.

Adams County Sheep Producers Meeting; 7:00 p.m.; Adams County Extension Service Office.

Atlantic Breeders Cooperative Membership Meeting; 7:00 p.m.; Blue Ball Fire Hall.

Lancaster County Estate Planning Meeting; 7:30 p.m.; Farm and Home Center.

Garden Spot Young Farmers and Wives Estate Planning; 7:30 p.m.; Union Grove School.

Hunterdon County, N.J. Leader Get-Together; 8:00 p.m.; Extension Office.

Blue Mountain FFA; 6:45 p.m.; Schuylkill Haven High School.

Interstate Milk Producers Cooperative District 7; 12 noon; Hostetter's Dining Hall, Mount Joy.

Cecil County, Md.; Agronomy Day; Calvert Grange Hall.

Pennsylvania State Holstein Association Convention; Monroeville.

Agricultural Pesticide Conference; Delmarva Convention Hall; Delmar, Maryland.

Woodstove Safety Meeting; 7:00 p.m.; Millcreek Fire Hall, Wilmington, Del.

Friday, February 22

Adams County Dairy Day, 10:00 a.m., Heildersburg Firehall.

Beef Project Workshop, Hunterdon County, N.J., 8:00 p.m.

PUBLIC SALE

OF REAL ESTATE, HOUSE & BARN
w/4 ACRES OF LAND
MON. EVE., MARCH 3, 1980
At 6:00 P.M.

Loc. ¼ Mile south of village of Refton, Pa. along road leading from Refton to New Providence, Strasburg Twp., Lanc. Co., Pa. (take rt. 222 about 7 miles south of Lancaster)

Real estate consists of: 2 story 7 room & full bath frame house w/white alum. siding. Kitchen w/elec. stove & nice cabinets, dining room, hallway w/fireplace, lg. living w/GE window air cond., full bath w/shower, all rooms have paneled walls & hardwood flooring on 1st floor; 4 bedrooms on 2nd floor; full ground level, 2 sec. basement both w/cement floors, oil hot water baseboard furnace w/summer - winter hookup, spring water, sewage system, alum. storm windows & doors, full front porch, lg. lawn. Also: 1½ story frame barn w/frame chicken house. Total of 4 acres of land more or less.

Property will be open for inspection: Sat's. Feb. 16 - 23 & Mar. 1 from 1 till 2

Sale By

MRS. RICHARD L. RINEER

(Yvonne L. Rineer)

Carl A. Wiker Atty.
Howard Shaub Auctioneer
464-3541
and Roy C. Probst 464-3190

PUBLIC SALE

FARM MACHINERY & TRUCKS

The undersigned, having rented their farm and having no further use for the following farm machinery and trucks will sell the same at public auction on their farm located on Md. Rt. 439 in White Hall, Baltimore County, Md. From I-83, take exit 36 to Rt. 439; go 2 mi. south to farm. From Forest Hill, Md., take Rt. 23 north to Rt. 439 and proceed approx. 5 mi. to farm.

MONDAY, MARCH 3

10:30 A.M. Sharp

Sings will be posted day of sale.

MACHINERY

J.D. 4630 diesel R. S. tractor with cab, air, heat, radio, tape, dual outlets, dual 20-38" tires, tool bar carrier - 800 hrs., like new, J.D. 2440 diesel tractor, like new; J.D. 145 loader; J.D. 60 tractor/live PTO; Farmall 300 utility tractor/Kelly loader; White 8600 combine, used 2 seasons, hydrostatic drive, cab, air, heat, with 4 row cornhead & 16" grain head, like new; J.D. 12" chisel plow, like new; J.D. 14" offset disc; White 32" transport wing disc harrow; J.D. 4 bottom 16" t-p plow, J.D. 1400 no till plateless corn planter with insecticide boxes; John Blue dual wheel 5 ton fertilizer spreader; New Holland lime spreader; New Idea 217 195 bu. manure spreader with PTO; 2 New Idea 12 A manure spreaders; J.D. 38 2 row harvester with self sharpener; J.D. 216 chuck wagon with ext. sides, J.D. tractor weights; J.D. 700 grinder-mixer, like new; New Holland 1469 self propelled haybine with 9' head; New Holland 275 baler with bale thrower; J.D. 5 bar hay rake; 5 hay wagons, 16' & 18' with high sides; 1 grain wagon; A.C. dump wagon with high sides; J.D. hay fluffer; J.D. 8' mower, J.D. 40' elevator; 2 Mayrath elevators 38' & 30'; 52' 8" grain auger; New Holland hay elevator; J.D. 8' scraper, new; 5' scarper; 2 wheel cart with new 8' body; new tractor chains for 16 x 34" tires; 4 J.D. cylinders; 2 Int'l. cylinders; chicken coops & feeders; 10 x 20 canvas, like new; new 16' gate; 10-20-20 fertilizer; calf cages; baler twine; wheel barrow; and other small farm tools & supplies to numerous to mention.

TRUCKS

1978 Custom Deluxe #10 Chev. pick-up; 6 cylinder, straight shift, new rubber, new cap, CB radio, 29,000 mi. - like new. 1973 #1800 Int'l. truck with 18' Omaha grain dump body with 52' sides - like new - double 16-Ton hoist. 1973 ½ ton Ford pick-up. 1967 ½ ton Ford pick-up. 1966 1 ton #350 Ford truck.

DAIRY EQUIPMENT

1250 gal. Esco bulk tank with auto. washer and compressor; 2 Surge milkers, buckets and other dairy supplies.

TERMS: CASH OR APPROVED CHECK

Not responsible for accidents day of sale.

Lunch served by ladies of West Liberty Methodist Church

OWNERS:

MR. & MRS. JOSEPH R. BERG

Berg's Dairy Farm
White Hall, Maryland
Phone: 301-343-0722

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Sales Managers & Auctioneers
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734-7105 Night

MANAGER'S NOTE: The above listed machinery has had excellent care. Most pieces are of recent vintage. All machinery is ready to go. If you are looking for top used equipment, plant to spend MARCH 3, 1980 at BERG'S DAIRY FARM.

TRACTOR & MACHINERY CONSIGNMENT

AUCTION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

10:00 A.M.

Located at Visscher Farm, Rt. 282, 1 mile South of Nichols, NY, 18 miles North of Towanda, Pa via Rt. 187, 25 miles West of Binghamton, NY via Rt. 17 exit 62.

TRACTORS

FORD: 8000 w/8 spd. & dual power, (2) 4000 diesels, (2) 3000 diesels, 1 w/loader, 8 N's, 9 N's. FARMALLS: 856 D w/duals tops, 504 w/2001 loader, 340 w/loader, 300 w/loader, 460 w/2000 loader, Super M & H, W-4, 200 w/loader & 2 pt. mower & plow & SC. MASSEY: 135 diesel w/4 spd. & loader, 135 diesel, 135 gas, 44 WFE, Pony w/tools. JOHN DEERE: 530 w/FS & 3 pt., 420 w/5 spd., 720 WFE & A. Oliver 77, DB 880, Case VAC w/loader, Cockshut 30 & 40 D, AC 180, good, Long 460 w/loader.

FARM MACHINERY

New 3 pt. carriers, new 6' Inco blades, new 3 pt. boom poles, hyd. dump loader, 3 bottom Kuernland plow, NI flail spreader, 2 wheel rakes plus balers, cultimulchers, & more by sale time.

TRUCKS

1965 Ford w/stake body & 72 Chevy.

MISCELLANEOUS

50 h.p. Case stationery power unit, assorted new tarps.

Everyone Welcome!

Terms: Cash or good check.

Lunch Available

Sales Managers & Auctioneers

HOWARD W. VISSCHER ED GOODRICH JR.

Nichols, NY
607-699-7250

Johnson City, NY
607-729-2866

PUBLIC SALE

of FARM EQUIPMENT
SATURDAY, MARCH 1

Sale Time 10:00 A.M.

LOCATION: Travel north on Route 272 to Swartzville, turn left on Route 897 - toward Reinholds, turn right on Holtzman Road, about ½ mile on the right.

1979 Ford Model 3600 Diesel Tractor with approx. 220 hrs. has a Dunham Quicktatch Industrial-type Motor (1 yr. old) fully automatic; Ford Model 4000 Diesel Tractor with approx. 1325 hrs.; 200 Bushel Ford Manure Spreader with Hydraulic Tail-gate; Ford 1-row semi mounted Picker Sheller; Ford 3-point Hitch 2-row Corn Planter; Ford 3-bottom Trip Plow 3-point Hitch; Ford 8' 3-point Disc Harrow; Ford 60" 3-point Rotary Mower; John Deere 13 Disc Grain Drill (used only several hours); 9' Cultipacker; 3-point Hitch Field Sprayer; 225 bu. Grain Wagon; 8½HP Ford Riding Tractor with mower and blade; 6.6 HP Gravely Tractor with attachments - 30" rotary mower, 30" sickle bar mower, 42" sickle bar mower, & 46" riding roller; 3-point Hitch Blade; Comet Power Scythe Mark 400; 10" Saw Blade; Lancaster Chain Saw Model 200A with 14" bar & extra new chain - good condition; Pair of Tractor Chains; 6"40" long Grain Auger on wheels with 2 ten foot extensions and a 5 HP motor; 7' x 7' home made Trailer; 3½" 20" Mayrath Auger; 3½"30" Mayrath Auger; ½ HP Motor; 1 HP Motor; 225 Amp. Lincoln Welder; 8" elect. Grinder; 32" alum. Ladder; 20 NEW Heat Hoaders to be installed on furnaces; Grain Moisture Tester with Instant Readout; 12" corrugated Pipes approx. 24'; 4' x 8' sheets of Masonite; Some Metal Siding; 80 to 100 tons Chicken Manure; 10" x 30" Silo Tiles; Log Chains; Lots of Small Tools; and many more items too numerous to mention.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS: 4' x 8' Air Hockey Table; Westinghouse Dehumidifier; Porch Table; Heavy Eiderdown Comforts; Dishes; Artificial Fireplace; 4 Old Fashioned Trunks - some cedar; Kerosene Stove with oven.

Sale Time 10:00 A.M.

Terms by,

ROBERT W. & MARLENE V. SHEPARD

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717-733-9601 Ephrata, Pa.

Lunch Available