

Inter-State hears passionate plea for progress

LANCASTER — Some 1000 members and guests heard a passionate plea for a return to "progress" at the 63rd annual banquet of Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative at the Host Farm Tuesday night.

Featured speaker and author of a book, "The War Against Progress," was Herbert E. Meyer, associate editor of FORTUNE magazine.

On the outcome of this war

against progress rests the future prosperity of the country, according to Meyer.

He defined progress as letting people lead the lives they want to lead.

Meyer said the anti-progress philosophy of the past 10 years has promoted the concept that a country can only go so far and it's time to stop.

This philosophy, according to Meyer, has been spread

by such people as liberals, bureaucrats, members of the media and movie stars — "very well educated and quite affluent people who have made it and want to pull the ladder up behind them."

He described them as being people who would say:

"I got my gucci loafers and when I go back-packing in the wilderness, I don't want to see anyone else out there."

"Meyer said that these "prophets of gloom and doom" have made targets of such projects as the development of Alaska, offshore oil drilling and building of the SST.

"It's time to talk about and speak up for progress," Meyer said.

"We must make a decision whether it's a go or no-go situation. If we're for progress, then let's fly high and move ahead."


He said that progress can be recaptured by returning to a climate suitable for economic growth. The necessary ingredients for such a climate, according to Meyer, are low individual taxes, high corporate profits, an absolute minimum of governmental regulations and a forward push toward new scientific technologies.

Dr James E Honan,

Inter-State general manager, honored two retirees with gifts during the banquet.

Galen Furry, of Martinsburg, retired as fieldman and Lester C. Jones, dairyman from Medford, N J, as co-op president.

Toastmaster for the evening was Grover C Gouker Jr, of Dale Carnegie, Inc., and entertainment was provided by Life, a singing group.—DA



The Milk Check

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Commodity Credit Corporation's purchase of over 60 million pounds of butter powder and cheese at the new support prices were enough to increase the average Minnesota-Wisconsin price by 35 cents \$12.42 for 3.5 test milk in October. That was the biggest jump in the M-W since August 1978 and a good way to start the first month of the new marketing year.

Once again, you're still far away from the support price by just about the same distance as last April after the Spring price increase. Now you're aiming at the new support price of \$12.80 instead of \$12.07. And, it just keeps getting harder to catch up by increasing government purchases with each new increase in the support price.

The 35 cent boost to the M-W means a corresponding 35 cent increase over September in the Class II price to \$12.48 in Order 2 for October milk. That's on top of a 12 cent increase in the Class I price to \$14.11 (also for October).

The October M-W price will be reflected in your

Class I price in December when it goes to \$14.67, a nice Christmas present from your 35 cent happy new year.

NOT TOO SHABBY

You may feel like complaining about CCC purchases that don't get prices up to the support level quicker but the increases they've given you haven't been too shabby.

From May to October this year CCC purchases have given you an increase of 76 cents in the Minnesota-Wisconsin price. That may not sound like much to you but during the same period in 1979, when CCC purchases were not your sole means of support, the M-W increased only 58 cents.

You're doing better with the government than when you were on your own.

While we're on the subject, I should mention that CCC purchases from April to September did move butter, powder and cheese prices up to the support level.

The support prices after April were \$1.40 for butter; 89 cents for powder; and \$1.32 for cheese. In September the average market prices were \$1.45 for butter;

Johnstone honored

LANCASTER — William F. Johnstone, Penn State Extension economist, received the Agricultural Communicator Award of the Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative on Wednesday.

Johnstone received the award during the Young Cooperator Breakfast Program at the Inter-State annual meeting at the Host Farm.

A member of the Penn State Extension staff since 1948, Johnstone was honored for his more than three decades of service to the dairy industry. Johnstone specializes in milk marketing.

It was also announced at the annual meeting that five fieldmen have been added to the co-op's staff of dairy sanitarians.

They include William H. Kilmer, who will work in Berks and Bucks counties and part of New Jersey; Lester L. Lau, Seven Valley, in Adams and York coun-

ties; Sterling H. White and Chester Gelwicks, working west of the Susquehanna River; and Andrew Potocek, in the western, central and northern sections of Lancaster County.

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ferences. The make allowance, or the margin, is the estimated average cost of processing the milk into butter, powder or cheese. These costs have gone up for the processors just as your costs have gone up. But no increase has been provided in the price support program — it has to come out of the price paid for the milk.

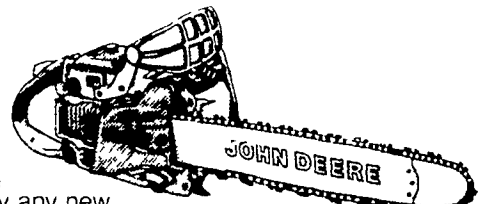
This is an area that needs examination when a new price support program is supported by Congress next year.

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