

# Food expert addresses AAW members

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**HERSHEY** — Who's responsible for the controversial socio-economic-political attitudes toward food production that have emerged to farmers' occasional dismay in the past decade?

That was the question addressed by Margaret Roger, food expert and director of the Food Advisory Board in her "Critical Food Issues" address to Monday's AAW convention meeting at the Hershey Convention Center.

Attacking the notions that current food production methods, using modern technology, are unhealthy and unnatural, she said that Americans are among the "longest lived, best fed societies civilization has ever known."

"The history of 'natural' foods is documented in the Bible," claims Rogers. "It includes starvation, pestilence and disease,

conditions we see today in places like Bangladesh and Zimbabwe. And who's feeding these people? The USA, using our food science and technology."

Rogers calls the critics of modern ag production techniques "the new class, the upper middle class intellectuals who get most of their information from books with little practical experience and get their power through persuasiveness."

Far too many of them, she warned, are on the staffs of liberal congressional offices and holding positions in offices of agencies like Health, Education and Welfare.

"They're absolutely paranoid about chemicals and bring up cancer as an excuse for questioning everything," she insists, suggesting instead that cancer is a function of old age rather than the result of modern food production methods.

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AAW speaker Peg Rogers heads the Food Advisory Board, a group of scientists seeking reason over emotion in food issues.

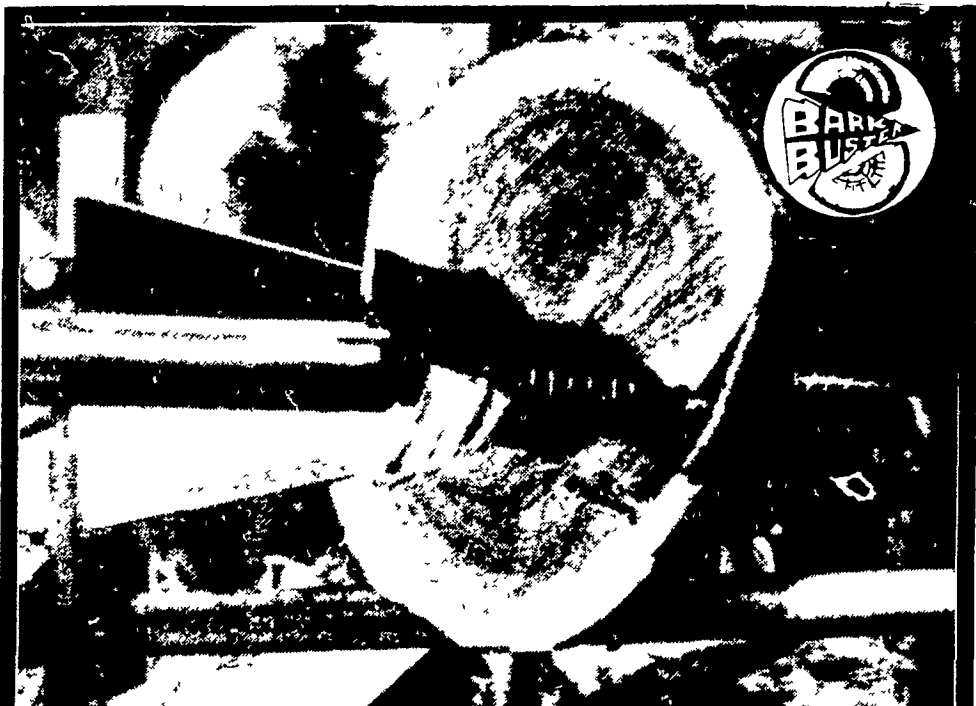
of society, which does not have to spend 70 percent of its time hunting food like man once had to, says Rogers does this "new class" have the time and money to worry about details of food production



Sperry New Holland furnished this display at the American Agri-Women convention depicting the history of the American farm wife. This and other displays were on exhibit for the women Monday and Tuesday.



A new breed of cattle maybe? No, just Mrs. Kenneth Stewart, Harrisburg, entertaining the children of the Hershey Medical Center. This was all part of a puppet show presented by American Agri-Women.



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