

## Block sets goals

WASHINGTON, D.C. — "My goal for this term as Secretary of Agriculture is first to get President Reagan's economic package into place, then to aid in insuring the prosperity for agriculture that should be a result of the trickle down of that policy in the long run," stated John Block at a meeting bringing together educators agriculture leaders and USDA personnel to discuss ways in which to implement more agriculture education in the public schools.

When questioned about his Cabinet peers' appreciation of agriculture, he felt that with two of them being farmers or ranchers, and the rest businessmen who had dealt with farmers, there was the empathy and understanding necessary to carry out meaningful decisions and programs in the future years.

Now that the embargo has been

lifted, Block means to keep the trade door open. He referred to the June 8 and 9 meetings with foreign market negotiators and the grain offered the Russians under "frank and cordial talks."

"If we can prove that we are stable suppliers, then good trade relations will follow and benefit the U.S. mostly I don't think the Russians can beat anyone over the head too hard with a loaf of bread. And any sales means a transfer of wealth which we can utilize to modernize our system," Block said.

On the dairy cutbacks, Block put the figures on the line. "We're buying \$2 million worth of excess milk per day, now. We can't continue to do that. Dairymen will just have to cut back, and we'll work to open market opportunities."

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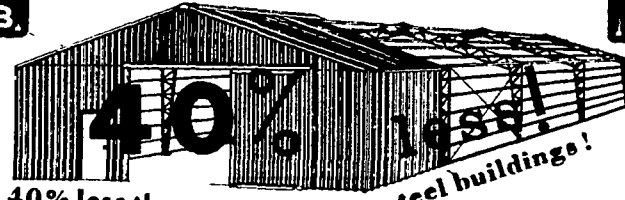
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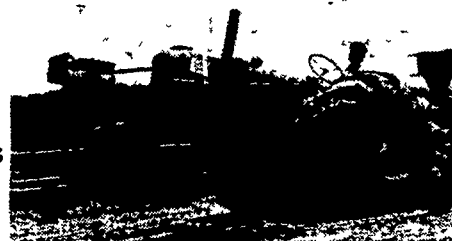
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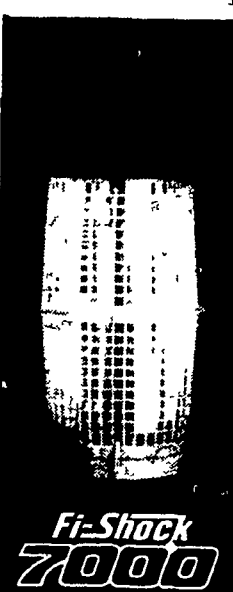
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