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Andersen is reelected Nat'l Grange Master

SPOKANE, Wash - Edward Andersen, Master of the National Grange, was re-elected to a second 2 year term as head of the 450,000 member rural organization Andersen, a former dairy farmer from Waterloo, NE was first elected National Master in November, 1979.

The National Grange elects officers every two years Newly elected officers include John NJ, Manle. Lawrenceville. Steward, Lloyd Massey, Raleigh,

Newport, R1, Treasurer, and Mrs Jeanne Davies, Deer frail, CO, Flora.

Re-elected were Russell Staufter, Springfield, 1L, Overseer; Kermit Richardson, Barre, VT, Lecturer, RG Carter, Elmendorf, TX, Ass't Steward; Mrs. Betty Wallace, Belot, WI, Lady Ass't Steward, B. Franklin Hayes, E. Rochester, NH, Secretary, D. Vincent Andrews, Sarasota, FL, Gatekeeper, Mrs

NC, Chaplain, Frank Silveira, Patty Wedding, Jacksonville, MO, Ceres, and Mis. Dorothy Shores, Augusta, ME, Pomona Delwin Cross, Killduff, 1A was re-elected to a 4 year term on the National Grange Executive Committee.

Recognizing that Congress and the Administration will be taking a new look at many important forms of government assistance programs, National Grange delegates passed resolutions urging Congress to take action to reform and insure the future

solvency of the social security system They called for legislation to remove the earnings limitation on social security retirement benefits and said that any changes in the retirement age be phased in so that individuals nearing retirement will be able to make sound retirement plans The National Grange also tavors legislation that would not only safeguard the continuance of Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA) but also increase the

maximum contribution allowed. The Grange also said that those applying for government aide and receiving benefits should be investigated more fully. Qualified, able-bodied applicants should be required to work for benefits and merchants should be restricted to accept food stamps in exchange for only nutritional foods.

The farm leaders said that the known fraud in the tood stamp program calls for strict food stamp regulations.

