



Speaking to the large crowd of egg producers who attended the Northeast Egg Marketing Association's conference at Centerville on Thursday were: from left, Al Pope, UEP president; John Ricca, NEMA president; Steve Kulla, UEP legislative director; Francis Riley, UEP Board chairman; and Bill Rent, NEMA general manager.



Attorney George Isaacson returned to the NEMA conference for the third consecutive year and spoke to the group on hiring and firing employees, and other labor-related issues. that 8-10 percent of the market is represented in foreign holdings.

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with only certain exceptions such as inheritance.)

Two egg producers voiced their concerns about foreign investment in the U.S. during the panel discussion.

Eugene Eisenbise, Lakeside Eggs, Hershey admitted he was

concerned about large, integrated operations being controlled by foreign investors. He noted that these types of situations could lead to the industry being controlled by firms that would not contribute to new marketing schemes or new product research because producing eggs would be a "by-

product" investment.

Eisenbise stated that in order to stem overproduction in the egg industry so that a profit could be ensured, there should be no new expansion permitted. Eisenbise, himself, has only been in the egg industry for three years.

Tom Trone, an egg producer and marketer from East Berlin, emphasized that "control of the market place is the concern, not foreign investment," pointing out

Trone noted foreign investment is "only speeding up the trend for the market to be controlled by fewer and fewer companies." He indicated that this trend was started years ago by American businessmen.

"We should be concerned about the future of family farmers and small business," said Trone, "not foreign investors. Our greed for monetary and material gains is like a runaway locomotive. "We should look at the trend of the industry which is heading towards the elimination of the little guy. We can try to delay it, but we're never going to stop it.

"We've got to wake up and take action to protect ourselves so that our markets aren't controlled by anyone but ourselves," he stated, emphasizing the need for independent and smaller producers to join organizations such as NEMA to protect their interests and to represent them.

"The big guys aren't buying production," Trone concluded. "They're buying market control. Since they can withstand the lower prices longer than the little guys, the small farmers finally go under contract to the large firms."

In other business of the day, Al Pope, president of United Egg Producers spoke to the group on what the organization is doing to help producers during these tough economic times.

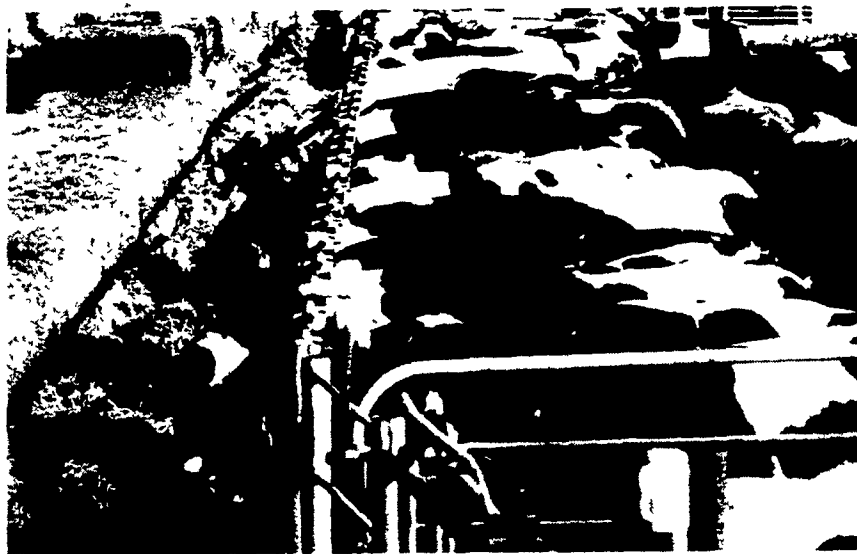
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