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More than 300 farmers anxiously await the president's arrival. Several hundred more folks were turned away from the Leon Wilkinson farm for security reasons.



Contrasting from the flannel and denim workshirts around them, Reagan and Block settle back on straw bales as they listen to the questions and comments from farmers.

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"I'm so tired from hearing from our opponents that say the program passed last summer has failed," said Reagan. "It hasn't started yet."

"It isn't just the fact that July first we're now paying a lower tax, there has to be time for that money to come into your pocket for it to have an effect," he defended.

"I'm not going to tell you that now we recover," he said but added that with a recession of this kind, there is a slight dip first followed by a rise in the economy.

"And there's every indication that rise is going to come in the latter half of this year," he said.

Although the president's visit had the flavor of a whistle-stop campaign some farmers thought the chief executive expressed sincerity over the farmer's economic woes and not just campaign rhetoric.

"I think he was sincerely in-

terested," said Landenberg dairyman Dave Hocking. Hocking's 140 milking herd provides a livelihood for four families and the farmer admitted he'd like to see the price support level remain high. Despite the present dairy situation, the Chester County producer said he has definite plans to expand.

"You don't get anywhere sitting still," he said.

Lebanon County dairymen Frederick Bohn and Don Landis said they were encouraged by the president's reassurance that changes in the support program were "not going to pull the bottom out."

The two men admitted they are fortunate that dairying is still better off than most segments of agriculture. However, Bohn noted that expansion is not in the future.

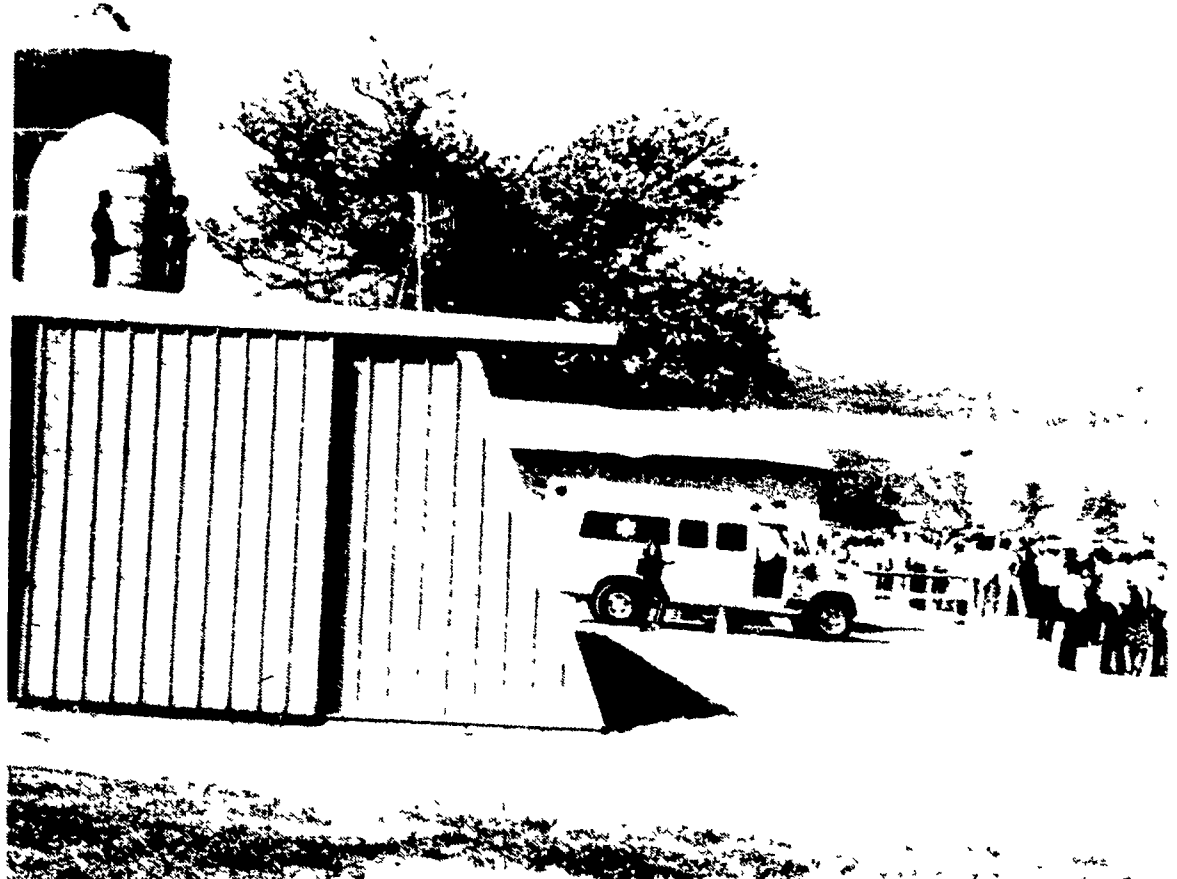
"We've got to get better, not bigger," he said.



Following Reagan's question and answer period, the Secretaries of Agriculture take the floor for additional grilling. Pa. Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hallowell, left, listens as U.S. Agriculture Secretary explains his plans for dairy.



Governor Thornburgh was among many state and national officials on hand to welcome the President.



Two armed guards, perched atop a metal shed reflected the no-nonsense attitude men.