The growth and success of our Farm Bureau has been due to building programs to serve the needs of the members.

Even better programs must be built on this sound base.

— 1968 Policy Statement, Michigan Farm Bureau

The framework for such new program-structures was blueprinted November 18-19-20 on the campus of Michigan State University, East Lansing, when voting delegates met at the 49th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau to carry out action-policies and work programs for the future.

Farm Bureau members are invited to attend in the knowledge that the meeting theme . . . "Building Tomorrow—Together".
A Vicious Hoax!

Perhaps farmers are naive, for they continue to find it hard to believe that they actually are the victims of "big lie" techniques deliberately spread by the very church groups to which they belong.

The lie is aimed at first discrediting farmers in the eyes of the public, and then using this public prejudice to bring about a labor-union take-over of their farms.

The action is in California now, centering on the table grape crop there, but union officials say that Michigan farmers are next.

Since open efforts to do this would quickly be recognized, a behind-the-scenes program was begun months ago to make the aid of the clergymen who might (unwittingly or otherwise) lend an arm of respect to the campaign—which most recently has taken the form of an illegal national-wide secondary boycott of grape growers.

Well-meaning Church leaders, often lacking in their understanding of political or economic issues, and just as often searching for causes of moral indignation and social concern to champion, appear to have found easy marks.

Taken in and being used are such usually aristocratic groups as the World Plenary Assembly of the International Catholic Movement for Intellectual and Cultural Affairs ( Pax Romana ) and the National Council of Churches.

In the case of this most recent union propaganda has been spread by the Michigan Council of Churches in conjunction with the Michigan Migrant Ministry. Priests and pastors have been urged to preach it from their pulpits and some have even allowed the union hate-literature to be slipped into their Sunday bulletins.

The normally discerning Presbyterian Life magazine has carried an article by a Reverend who defended a cultural boycott of the grape industry and who has used the strike as a popular way of propagating a hatred.

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FARM BUREAU

49th annual meeting...
— Michigan Farm Bureau
November 18-19-20...
Mich. State University...
East Lansing

Delegates to make
"Sharp Appraisal"

Looking ahead to next year's Golden Anniversary, the Michigan Farm Bureau has completed preparations for an action-packed annual meeting, November 18-19-20 — centered on the theme "Building: Tomorrow Together."

The action of voting delegates meeting in the main auditorium of Michigan State University, East Lansing, will be of unusual significance this year, in that Farm Bureau's annual meeting comes sufficiently after the national elections to allow a sharp appraisal of the new administration and its intentions toward agriculture.

NOTE: Pages 6 and 7 carry major farm plank pledges of both Republican and Democrat parties — as well as Farm Bureau's recommendations for federal farm programs. These should be studied carefully by all Farm Bureau members prior to the national election, November 5.

Barring unforeseen events which could take him out of state, Michigan Governor George Romney has given assurance that he will be present on the second day of the convention to give his views of state affairs and of Michigan agriculture.

Again this year, Farm Bureau Insurance Group will provide coffee and doughnuts for arriving delegates and guests with registration scheduled for 8:30 Monday morning, November 18.

Mrs. Jane (Louise) Smith — talented Kalamazoo county Farm Bureau member will provide convention organ music, with a half-hour "Community Sing" set for 9:30 — just ahead of the official call to order at 10:00 a.m.

Michigan State University President, John Hannah, will welcome delegates, followed by the annual address of President Elton Smith. An exciting awards program by the Field Services Division will close out the forenoon, with bus service provided at 12:00 to move delegates to either the Kellogg Center or Union Ballroom luncheon and afternoon program.

"Commodity Day" will begin with the noon luncheon in the Union and include the finals of an exciting "Discussion Meet" contest staged by Farm Bureau Young Farmers on the topic of farm marketing and bargaining.

Later, special commodity interest groups — including Livestock, Fruits and Vegetables, Dairy and Field Crops, will meet in various rooms of the Union building. (A detailed program for each section is printed on page 5.)

Also beginning with a noon luncheon, the programs of Farm Bureau Women will be held in the Big Ten room of Kellogg Center, where featured speaker will be Dr. Richard Cutler, Vice President of the University of Michigan. (A detailed program is found on page 8.)

Immediately following all special interest programs the Policy Development Committee (resolutions) will hold an open session in the Kellogg Center Auditorium. Any Farm Bureau member is invited to appear on any subject.

6:00 o'clock evening programs include the President's Banquet (exclusive to county Farm Bureau Presidents and wives) and the Young Farmer Banquet and grand finale, each of which will be held at the same hour in the Big Ten Room.

Special guests will include Kenneth Cheatham of the Program Development Division of the American Farm Bureau Federation and James Erkline, Farm Bureau Career Agent, Saginaw.

The program is open to all interested persons with tickets available from either county Farm Bureau offices, or from the Information Division, Michigan Farm Bureau.

Business reports and resolutions will occupy delegate attention on Tuesday, November 19, including nominations for directors from the even-numbered districts — 2,4,6,8,10 and two Directors at Large, plus one Young Farmer representative.

The evening program will be in the Lansing Civic Center, where Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, famed author and Pastor of New York's Marble Collegiate Church, will speak on the topic "Why positive thinkers get positive results."

This program is open to the interested public — with tickets again available from either county Farm Bureau offices, or from the Information Division of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Robert Taylor, "Fat Bob" — the national winner in the Metropolitan Opera contest, will sing popular classics, and awards will be made to those selected for Distinguished Service to Agriculture. Another program highlight will be the choosing of Farm Bureau's "Queen" for the 1968-69 year.

Final consideration of policy resolutions will occupy delegate attention on Wednesday, November 20, along with formal election of Directors nominated earlier.

— FARM BUREAU FAMILY BAND —

From Beethoven to Tijuana Brass — that's the musical range of the versatile L Elwood Bush family band, scheduled for two appearances at the annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau — November 18.

The band will appear on the Women's program following the noon luncheon and again in the evening at the Young Farmer's banquet, both programs in the Big Ten room of Kellogg Center, on the MSU campus, East Lansing.

All 12 children are musically talented, David (18) plays all saxes, flute and piano. Don (17) plays all valve horns, and has twice appeared at the National Music Camp. Interleacher: Michael (16) plays bass or alto clarinet and soprano sax. Jim (15) plays sousaphone, tuba or string bass. Marianne (13) plays all saxophones, flute and piano. Doug (12) plays trombone and Paul (11) trumpet. They are a versatile, six-piece ensemble.

Robert plays the drums, mother the piano. The Bush family are Lenawee county Farm Bureau members.
Michigan Supreme Court Justice Michael D. O'Hara is an incumbent candidate for re-election to the Court. November 5. Fellow Justices presently serving on the 7-man court include Thomas M. Kavanagh—not up for election this year.

Under our new Constitution, incumbents may file for re-election at the close of their terms, without party ties. However, new candidates must be nominated by a political party, and opposing O'Hara for the single spot now open on the Court is Thomas G. Kavanagh.

Adding to the confusion is another prominent person with a similar name—Detroit Mayor Cavanagh, who really is not involved at all.

To set the record straight, the contest is between Justice O'Hara (described by the Detroit News as being "in the better legal minds on the Court")—and newcomer, Thomas G. Kavanagh.

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**LETTERS**

Dear Mr. Woell:

I was pleased as a Farm Bureau member and Conservation Commissioner to see the lengthy statement in your September issue (pages 3 and 4 on the Nov. 5 general election ballot. Proposal 3 covers a Clean Water bonding program and Proposal 4 covers a Quality Recreation bonding program. Both issues have strong support from Governor Romney, the state legislature, business and industry, labor organizations, church groups and a host of other public-spirited groups throughout the state.

The FARM NEWS does not often take a stand in the Discussion Topic—and that is sound editorial judgment. But I was very pleased, and want to thank you, for selecting these two important public issues for presentation. Now that both proposals have received wide acclaim, we members of the Conservation Commission have high hopes they will pass by wide margins November 5. Nothing but good can come from the programs, and I'm sure that Farm Bureau members everywhere will help boost that total winning vote margin substantially.

Yours truly,

Carl T. Johnson, Farm Bureau member  
State Conservation Commissioner

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**VIEWPOINTS WELCOME AT OPEN SESSION**

The Public Affairs Division announces a special "Open Session" of the Policy Development Committee (Resolutions) during the 49th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau. This opportunity for members to be heard on any issue, will follow the afternoon special interest sessions (Commodity—Farm Bureau Women) and will be held in the auditorium of Kellogg Center, beginning at 4:30, Monday, November 18. All members are welcome.

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**Michigan agriculture and Farm Bureau have lost a staunch friend in the untimely death September 30, of Representative Charles J. Davis—who only last Fall was presented Farm Bureau's award for Distinguished Services to Agriculture.

Davis, 57, was Chairman of the House Budget and Expenditures Committee and a member of the Appropriations Committee. He was a candidate for re-election to his fifth term in the House at the time of his death.

He was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention, past president of the Ingham county Farm Bureau and of the American Dairy Association of Michigan. At the last annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau he was praised for his many contributions to agriculture by Michigan Farm Bureau president, Elton Smith who presented him with a plaque reading: "For Distinguished Service to Agriculture—Charles J. Davis—Outstanding Dairy Farmer, Farm Bureau Leader and member of the Michigan Legislature—but above all, representative of the best in agriculture."
"We ask that marketing be given high priority in the expanded program of the Michigan Farm Bureau."

— 1968 Policy Statement, Michigan Farm Bureau

An unusual discussion contest between six young farmers on the topic of marketing-harmonizing, will be one highlight of "Commodity Day" programs, Monday, November 18, at the annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

The discussion will follow a noon-time luncheon in the Union Ballrooms which each state Farm Bureau member will be the first determining the state champion to represent Michigan in Kansas City, Missouri, during the American Farm Bureau Convention.

Earlier, the six semi-finalists will be selected in competition among 22 district Young Farmer winners. The "Discussion Meet" is a technique in leadership training wherein participants are involved in a free-wheeling discussion on a selected topic. At the Commodity Day program, the state finals will be followed by a "reactor panel" to round-out thinking on the topic "What can my farm organization and I do to improve our "Marketing and Bargaining" position?"

Following the contest, there will be special-interest conferences for Field Crops, Fruits and Vegetables, Dairy, and Livestock.

David Morris, member of the Michigan Farm Bureau board, and prominent cattleman, will chair the Livestock session where a group of feeding and marketing experts will appear. They include Dr. Robert Merkle, MSU — "Producing and Marketing the ideal meat animal;" Dr. Terry Creathouse, MSU — "The Michigan Cow-Calf Industry;" Robert O'Connor, President, Michigan Cattle Feeders Association, speaking about the Association's activities and services, and "Ike" Walton, of the Michigan Livestock Exchange, with an outlook report on the state's livestock industry. A question-answer period is planned.

Michigan Farm Bureau board-member, Harry Nye, will be chairman of the Fruit and Vegetable conference where progress and problems in the industry will be the major topic. There will be a speaker representing processors, while Carl Davis of Jewel Tea will talk about fresh markets. Labor and mechanical harvesting problems will be given a hard look.

Richard Wieland, of the Michigan Farm Bureau board, will chair the Dairy program, where dairy promotion and research alternatives will be examined by Hollis Hatfield, of the Research and Commodity Activities Division of the American Farm Bureau.

"Milk Component Pricing," including the impact of changing from a butterfat to a solid — not fat pricing systems, will be discussed by Dr. Glynn McBride of the Department of Agricultural Economics, at Michigan State.

The Field Crops program will be under the direction of Michigan Farm Bureau board member, Walter Frahn, where a panel will discuss the Federal Feed Grains and Wheat Program, with the question "time for a change?" deliberately raised. Examining alternatives will be Dr. Arthur Mitchell, MSU economist, with present programs examined by George Parker of USDA; the grain-trade situation by Ed Powell of Michigan Elevator Exchange, with an outlook report on the state's elevator industry. A question-answer period is planned.

Ed. R. Powell
Manager of Dairy Marketing for the Michigan Elevator Exchange Division of Farm Bureau Services, is Ed Powell, grain sales expert who will speak on the Field Crop program at the Farm Bureau Commodity Day, November 18. Powell is a member of both the Detroit and Toledo Boards of Trade.

HOLLIS HATFIELD
Former Administrative Secretary of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, Hollis Hatfield now works within the Research and Commodity Division of the American Farm Bureau, where dairy activities are a chief responsibility. He will appear on the Dairy program of Farm Bureau Commodity Day.

BROADER BENEFITS

Michigan Farm Bureau Blue Cross and Blue Shield subscribers have now been covered under the new Michigan Variable Fee (MVF) plan since August 30th of this year. Along with this new Variable Fee "paid in full" program comes an extension of benefits. Blue Shield protection provides even more coverage under the M.V.F. plan than before under M-75.

Your new extended coverage is illustrated by the following examples:

- Bed-patient Medical Care
- In-patient Medical Care for:
  - Plumonary T.B., Nervous, and unlimited days
  - Mental conditions
- Emergency First Aid
- Radiation Therapy
- Technical Surgical Assistance
- Unlimited Medical Consultations
- Cosmetic Surgery
- Wherever and whenever it is needed

If you cannot answer "yes" to all of these questions, then "Freddie Computer" is the helping hand you need. Freddie Computer is Farm Bureau's reliable electronic farm recordkeeper. Freddie is now completing his third year of providing Farm Bureau members with accurate, simple, low-cost, and complete farm records.

For further information on how Freddie Computer can make your farm recordkeeping easier and more valuable contact your county Farm Bureau office.

MICHIGAN PARTICIPANTS — in a recent Midwest Farm Bureau Dairy Conference pose for the camera in Chicago's Sheraton hotel. They are: (left to right) MFB Dairy Specialist, Al Almy, Almy Dairy Specialist; Remus Riggs, Branch county and Branch county President, Elton Smith and fellow Kent county dairyman, Frank Wiersma; Howard Ebenhoeh, Saginaw. Front from left) Al Almy, MFB Dairy Specialist; Remus Riggs, Branch county and Branch county
Farm Bureau's recommendations for government farm policy, as presented in the "Platform for America" which was presented to Republican and Democratic platform committees by AFSF President Charles B. Shumaker.

Here is the farm program section of FB's "Platform For America":

A major objective of Farm Bureau policy is to create conditions wherein farmers and ranchers may earn and get a high per-family real income in a manner which will preserve freedom and opportunity. We firmly believe that this objective can best be accomplished by preserving or re-establishing the market price system as the principal influence in allocating the use of farm resources and in distributing farm production. The American farmer is more capable of planning the use of his own acreage and other productive resources than government authority ever can be.

THE INDIVIDUAL FARM family's net spendable income is based on the unit price of the food and fiber produced, multiplied by the volume marketed, less the costs of production - including taxes.

The problem of the commercial farm on the one hand and the underemployed or low-production farmer on the other are different. Policies and programs should recognize this fact. The low production farmer needs the kind of assistance that will enable him to earn a higher income by becoming more productive. In some cases this means retraining to improve his skills.

RISING FARM COSTS constitute the biggest hurdle to achieving higher incomes for commercial farmers. Farmers and ranchers need - and want - a reduction in taxes in order to avoid the painful economic and social disruptions which inevitably result from the extremes of inflation and depression. We cannot hope to prevent inflation or solve our balance of payments problem if the federal government continually engages in deficit spending. Government spending should be held to the minimum necessary to carry out proper government functions with strict economy, within the framework of a balanced budget.

Effective and widespread competition - as a means of preserving the individual incentive and the efficient use of scarce resources - is of paramount importance. This means that no group - whether it be business, labor, agriculture, or the government itself - should be permitted to exercise monopolistic powers.

GOVERNMENT FARM PROGRAMS

Government farm programs should be designed to assist farm families in their efforts to earn and get higher incomes through the operation of the market system. Current and past government price-fixing has failed to protect farmers against reduced income.

THE COMPENSATORY or direct payment approach, which has been used with increasing frequency in recent years, is unimportant and dangerous to our economic and political system. Regardless of the form in which they are presented, compensatory payment programs are fantastically expensive. Payment programs stimulate production, increase unit costs, depress prices, and make farmers dependent on Congressional appropriations for their net farm income and a part of their production costs as well. In addition, it is becoming increasingly evident that limitations are an inevitable part of any payment program.

FARM BUREAU vigorously opposed the major provisions of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1965. Our members are even more convinced today that the programs authorized by this Act are not in the long-time best interests of producers, consumers, or taxpayers.

BRIEFLY, our principal reasons for opposing this legislation are as follows:

1. Government supply-management has not worked. With farm prices at only 73% of parity and food prices higher than ever before, it is clear that current government supply-management programs have served the interest of neither producers nor consumers.

2. Government-owned stocks are bad for farmers. These stocks are the principal device for manipulating and depressing farm prices contrary to the interests of farmers.

3. The operation of government supply-management programs depends on political decision. Farmers and ranchers deeply resent government action taken in 1966 and 1967 to stabilize increased production which wrecked farm prices in 1967 and continues to have adverse effects on farm income.

4. These programs make farmers dependent on government payments for a substantial part of their net incomes. Farmers want - and deserve - a more dependable basis for farm income in the future than the precarious possibility that huge government subsidies will be continued indefinitely.

5. Government supply-management programs create pressures for international commodity agreements. International cartels designed to ration world markets are not consistent with our efforts to expand trade on the basis of competitive advantage.

ON THE BASIS of the record, it is clear that the Food and Agriculture Act of 1965 is not solving farm problems. A dramatic change in the direction of government farm policy is long overdue and should not be delayed beyond the present expiration date of the 1965 Act - i.e., December 31, 1969.

Any price support and production adjustment programs that may be provided by the Congress should be designed to facilitate orderly marketing rather than to fix prices. Price support levels should take account of competitive conditions, supply, and market demand and market trends. If the market system is to have an opportunity to operate, farmers must not be forced to compete with the Commodity Credit Corporation for markets.

WE ARE OPPOSED to government-owned reserves of farm products. Such reserves are bad for producers, costly for taxpayers, and unnecessary for the protection of consumers.

The interests of consumers are well safeguarded by the tremendous productive capacity of American agriculture, the stocks that will be carried by farmers and the trade in the absence of a government reserve program, the fact that major crops are produced over wide geographic areas, and the flexibility that goes with a livestock economy. It is clear that the major purpose of present proposals for government reserves is to give the government the power to set ceilings on farm prices.

WE IN FARM BUREAU have confidence that a market-directed economy will yield farmers and ranchers higher incomes than will a government managed system.

With less interference from government, the marketing system will be able to operate more efficiently and more efficiently. This will encourage the expansion of market outlets and the production of more and better products and this type of production will afford a better competition. We can better meet competition at home and abroad.

A PRACTICAL crop and retirement program can help facilitate the adjustment process. Such a program should be temporary and voluntary, provide for competitive bids, take crops from areas of surplus with emphasis on whole farms, and prohibit the grazing or harvesting of any crop from retired acres.

In recent years marketing agreements and orders have been useful tools in the orderly marketing of agricultural commodities. The keys to their success have been their application on a local or regional basis and the flexibility that the farmers have not been used to fix prices or control production. These principles should be observed in the development of future order programs.

FARM BARGAINING

Farmers are seriously and increasingly interested in obtaining greater market power through bargaining.

Farmers can organize voluntarily to achieve that goal. Farm Bureau believes the voluntary method of organization offers greater opportunity for success. Truly effective market power comes through the willingness of informed, conscientious, local, and active members of a type of organization which would be characteristically voluntary.

THE ONLY POWER which can compel farmers to bargain together nationally is the federal government. Congress is and should be concerned with justice and equity for all citizens - not farmers alone. Since 54 percent of the voters are consumers, not farmers, Congress and the legislative branch of our government necessarily must be more interested in low food prices than in high farm income. Any federal government direction or enforcement of government farmer bargaining most certainly would include rules or devices to "protect consumers," such as authority to issue come and cease orders any time price threats to go higher than some Washington bureaucrat thinks proper. While farmers want government to respect and protect their right to bargain for higher prices, they obviously do not want government as a "partner" in their bargaining efforts.

Some farming changes

Some farmers changing...
FARM PLANK PLATFORM PLEDGES

REPUBLICAN PARTY...

MAJOR FARM PLANK PLEDGES

Actions by the Administration, in line with its apparent cheap food policy, have held down prices farmers received. Government payments to farmers, from taxes paid by consumers, have far from offset this loss.

Without adequate net income to pay off indebtedness, the farm owner has no choice but to liquidate some of his equity or go out of business. Farm tenants are even worse off, since they have no comparable investment for inflation to increase in value as their indebtedness increases.

To promote the development of American agriculture... We pledge:

- Farm policies and programs which will enable producers to receive fair prices in relation to the prices they must pay for other products;
- Sympathetic consideration of proposals to encourage farmers, especially small producers, to develop their bargaining position;
- Sound economic policies which will brake inflation and reduce the high interest rates;
- A truly two-way export-import policy which protects American agriculture from unfair foreign competition while increasing our overseas commodity dollar sales to the rapidly expanding world population;
- Reorganization of the management of the Commodity Credit Corporation's inventory operations so that the Corporation will no longer compete with the marketings of farmers;
- Improved programs for distribution of food and milk to schools and low-income citizens;
- A strengthened program to export our food and farm technology in keeping with the Republican-initiated Food for Peace program;
- Assistance to farm cooperatives including rural electric and telephone cooperatives, consistent with prudent development of our nation's resources and rural needs;
- Greater emphasis on research for industrial uses of agricultural products, new markets, and new methods for cost-cutting farming.
- Improved vocational training, economic incentives for industrial development, and the development of human resources;
- Improvement of credit programs to help finance the heavy capital needs of modern farming, recognizing the service credit problems of young farm families seeking to enter into successful farming;
- A more direct voice for the American farmer in shaping his own destiny.

DEMOCRAT PARTY...

MAJOR FARM PLANK PLEDGES

We shall:

- Take positive action to raise farm income to full parity level in order to preserve the efficient full-time family farm. This can be done through present farm programs when these programs are properly funded, but these programs will be constantly scrutinized with a view to improvement.
- Actively seek out undeveloped foreign, commercial markets since international trade in agricultural production is a major favorable factor in the Nation's balance of payments. In expanding our trade, we shall strive to assure that farmers get adequate compensation for their production going into export.
- Expand our Food Assistance programs to America's poor and our Food for Peace program to help feed the world's hungry.
- Establish our Strategic Food and Feed Reserve Plan whereby essential commodities, such as wheat, corn, and other feed grains, soybeans, storable meats and other products will be stockpiled as a safeguard against crop failures, to assist our Nation and other nations in time of famine or disaster, and to insure adequate supplies for export markets as well as to protect our own farm industry. This reserve should be insulated from the market.
- Support the right of farmers to bargain collectively in the market place on a commodity-by-commodity basis. Labor and industry have long enjoyed this right to bargain collectively under existing legislation. Protective legislation for bargaining should be extended to agriculture.
- Continue to support and encourage agricultural cooperatives by expanding and liberal credit and to protect them from punitive taxation.
- Support private or public credit on reasonable terms to young farmers to enable them to purchase farms on long-term low interest loans.
- Support the present Federal Crop Insurance Program.
- Reaffirm our support of the Rural Electrification Program, recognizing that rural America cannot be revitalized without adequate low-cost electric power. We pledge continued support of programs to assure financing to meet the growing generating and distributing power needs of rural areas. We support the Rural Telephone program.
- Support a thorough study of the effect of limited payments to farmers. If necessary, we suggest graduated open-end limitation of payments to extremely large corporate farms that participate in Government programs.
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FREEMAN TO MAKE MOVE

Without waiting to see the November election returns, Agricultural Secretary Orville Freeman has made plans to abandon his largely thankless job.

The former Minnesota lawyer who learned the facts about farming the hard way—after being named Secretary by the late President Kennedy, has announced plans to become president of "EDP Technology International" a new firm which devises new applications for computers.

The decision to move couldn't have been a hard one to make; for obviously Richard Nixon will name his own Secretary of Agriculture—should Hubert Humphrey win the Presidency, he quite probably would be unable to forget that it was Freeman who made the nominating speech for JFK at the national Democratic convention while fellow Minnesotan Humphrey waited (in vain) in the wings.

Freeman begins his new work in January—few farmers will be sorry to see him go.

Hubert Humphrey

RICHARD NIXON

A time for thankful rest

By Rodney Parks

...AND YOU PROMISED TO HELP ON THE COUNTY FARM POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES

LLOTS OF WORK MAKES SLEEP COME EASY. WONDER HOW THE GENERAL ELECTION TURNS OUT.

WHOEVER WINS I'M THANKFUL WE LIVE IN A COUNTRY WHERE ELECTIONS ARE HELD.

-- WE THANK THEE FOR FREEDOM AND FOR INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR HEALTH AND HAPPINESS - FOR ENJOYMENT OF THE BOUNTIFUL HARVEST. WE PRAY THAT EVERYONE MAY HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING! 
renowned psychologist to appear on Farm Bureau Women's program

F.B. Women announce "Washington Seminar"

A renowned psychologist who is also a top university administrator, will bring Farm Bureau Women a fascinating glimpse of the sweeping changes which have occurred in American society over the past 30 years.

He is Dr. Richard Cutler, Vice President for Student Affairs and Professor of Psychology for the University of Michigan. He will appear on the afternoon Farm Bureau Women's program, at Kellogg Center, on the campus of Michigan State University, November 18.

One of five special-interest conferences held as part of the first day of the three-day annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau, the Women will meet at the same time. Commodity groups hold their sessions in the union building. Both programs begin with luncheon.

Presiding at the Women's luncheon will be Mrs. Jerold Topliff, Chairman of the Women's Committee of the Michigan Farm Bureau. Group singing is planned and an appearance by Eloise Smith, President of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

The Bush Family Band - 12 musical members of the L. Leland Bush family, Lenawee county Farm Bureau members, will contribute a mini-concert, and following Mrs. Topliff's Chairman's Report, an award presentation will be made.

At one time coordinator of clinical psychology in training, Dr. Cutler will draw on his impressive background to show how changes in our society have affected the way our children are brought up, and how this in turn is contributing to many of the problems parents (and school administrators) are presently having with some of the young people.

He is expected to show how such complex factors as the threat of nuclear weapons, the dangers of world communism, the demands of underdeveloped nations, race problems, ever-growing government, giant unions and giant business corporations, have all combined to make young people feel threatened and helpless in their shadow.

Cutler will develop the theme that raising children over the past 20 years has so changed that parents and young people are really less able now to deal with such problems than they were earlier in our history.

Finally, he will trace how these two sets of volatile forces are combining to pose a real threat to our society and to the survival of the American system as we know it.

His talk should be an excellent prelude to the appearance of Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, himself an accomplished psychologist and a person who strongly believes that parental permissiveness and lack of direction is largely responsible for rising crime rates and disrespect for law and order.

Peale will speak on the evening program, the second day of the annual meeting, November 19, at the Lansing Civic Center.

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Please reserve air-space for the "Washington Seminar"

This year's air-adventure to Washington, D.C. - the 9th annual trip to our nation's capital sponsored by Farm Bureau Women, will fly under a new title of "Washington Seminar.

The dates are Monday through Thursday, March 17-18-19-20, with the "Seminar" theme stressed to underscore the serious nature of the trip in helping farm people to both study and take part in one of our most basic governmental processes - the direct presentation of our beliefs and problems to those who represent us in Congress.

Mosting from this year's schedule will be the usual stay at Washington's venerable and historic Willard Hotel, closed following the worst of violence, looting and burning after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Daily "marches" from the Poor People's camp on the nearby Lincoln Monument mall to downtown buildings kept tourists and other visitors unconcerned and cost Washington businessmen millions of dollars.

Instead of visiting our seat of government, hundreds of school buses loaded with youngsters on school-end outings turned elsewhere toward such places as Montreal and the "Man and His World" exhibit there, rather than take a risk of becoming embroiled in Washington rioting.

Already, the "Seminar" program has often been described as the home of presidents. (Lincoln watched his inaugural parade from a balcony there, and almost all of the presidents stayed at the Willard at one time or another) - couldn't stand the drop in revenue and reluctantly closed its doors.

This year, Michigan Farm Bureau Women have arranged to house the Seminar group in the nearby modernized Washington Hotel, adjoining the Willard and a half-block closer to the White House.

Undaunted by last year's disturbances, (all of which occurred later in the year and well after the Michigan Spring tour) Farm Bureau Women have planned another comprehensive trip by jet plane, and again involving two groups - Legislative Leaders and Seminar participants.

Block reservations have been made on two Northwest Airlines non-stop jet for the trip from Detroit to Washington (one plane makes a single stop on the return trip) and for the flying of dinner cures each way.

The two groups will leave Monday, March 17, arriving in Washington in the early evening. A group breakfast has been arranged Tuesday morning, March 18, after which the entire group will spend a full day sight-seeing with stops at the White House, Bureau of Printing and Engraving, the Washington Cathedral, Arlington National Cemetery and George Washington's home at Mt. Vernon, in Arlington.

Wednesday, March 19, the Legislative Leaders will have a full day of briefings and meetings with Congressmen, while the Seminar group will examine Great Documents and the lives of Great Americans.

Thursday, the Seminar group will be briefed on actions of Congress and later visit the Capitol for a period of time prior to their 4:30 p.m. departure to Detroit. Legislative Leaders will attend Congressional hearings and make calls on their Congressmen prior to their 6:00 p.m. departure.

Price for the complete tour, including jet air fare, bus and baggage transfer, hotel 3 nights in Washington, a group breakfast and luncheon and guided sightseeing, is $127. Not included are meals other than those listed and personal expenses.

Reservations are now open, according to Miss Helen Atwood, Women's Director for the Michigan Farm Bureau - who adds that early action can avoid the disappointment of missing out on what has proved to be an exciting and profitable trip.

The Washington Seminar is open to all Farm Bureau members (men and women) and to Farm Bureau friends.

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VINEYARD WORKER - Jose Mendoza, tells Michigan newsmen in the Lansing Press Club, of the AFL-CIO Grape "Strike" hoax and of the illegal boycott the union has called against farmers.

We sell Fertilizer by the Bag to some farmers, because they want it that way, but...

We also sell it by 50-TON BULK CARS to the BIG FARMER because he wants it that way!

"For the past eight years we have been plowing down anhydrous ammonia by using a regular anhydrous pump down attachment on our plow. We feel that this is the very best way to apply nitrogen. It saves us time because it means one less trip over the fields, and because the nitrogen has already been applied, we do not get caught short by heavy rains during June when we might not be able to get to the fields. The nitrogen is there when the plant needs it. We also feel that this method of application cuts down the leaching. Our ammonia transfer pump not only saves ammonia in comparison to the old bleed off method of transferring but it also saves time because it is faster."

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vinedyard worker calls grape "strike" a hoax and labor-union fraud

Efforts by union professionals to impose compulsory unionism on unwilling agricultural workers through a boycott of California table grapes, have been bitterly denounced by the workers themselves.

One man rally in opposition to the AFL-CIO union effort brought more than 4,000 vineyard workers together under the Agricultural Workers "Freedom to Work Association" banner. The meeting was a demonstration in opposition to the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee of the AFL-CIO and to the thinly disguised tactics used by labor to force the workers into joining.

At the rally, the vineyard workers picked one of their number, Jose Mendoza, as General Secretary and asked that he tour the country to tell the general public of the union harassment.

Mendoza visited Lansing and Bayne Mountain, in Michigan to tell his story. In Lansing, he met with newsmen in the Lansing Press Club. At Bayne Mountain he appeared before the annual convention of the Michigan Association of Food Dealers.

On both occasions his presentation was impressive as he explained that from the worker's viewpoint, the grape "strike" is a contrived hoax and labor-union perpetrated fraud.

"Grape pickers are making good money — we are not migrants and we are not starving just because we do not belong to the union. The 5,000 farm workers in Kern county, California, where the AFL-CIO is trying to organize, are the best paid farm workers in the state of California. That's why the union wants us — they want people with enough money to pay the high dues and special assessments planned," Mendoza said.

"There is no 'strike' and end of all the stories about workers striking because they do not have income, job benefits, or the right to organize are false."

The disputed area has a great concentration of permanent resident farm workers who are employed all year around, and who always have plenty of work available. Our average minimum wage is $1.85 per hour," Mendoza told the newsmen. "If the union had any kind of following, this thing would have been settled long ago instead of taking three full years and many hundreds of thousands of dollars..." he said.

ALCONE ANNUAL

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Steiert were selected delegates to the Michigan Farm Bureau meeting at the annual meeting of the Alcona county Farm Bureau.

Doris Cordes, Secretary and Roll-Call Chairman reported Alcona as a "Good" county in 1968 — with a number of new members for 69 — plus 150 renewals!

Lee LeFarge for Farmers Petroleum and Marvin Higginson for Insurance, reported gains in both fields. Regional Representative Leo Reddy added further encouraging notes with "We've just begun to move."

County Equalization Director Dennis Gehres explained local tax assessments and state tax requirements.

Mary Ellen Morrison and Jeanne Campbell, students from the county attended Camp Kett's Citizenship Seminar in July, gave excellent reports and introduced their "sitter" — exchange student Leena Koehlsche, of Germany.

John Sharroneau gave a hilarious reading "My Pa" dressed in the costume of a truck driver, and Mrs. John Sharroneau, Sr. (his mother) lovely in costume, gave the poem "Over the Hills to the Poor Farm". . . . this time, there were many misty eyes.
WORLD PRESIDENT VISITS

November 1. Oh, yes that means Annual Meeting, deer hunting and corn picking. I hope plans for attending the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting are shaping up for you. Everyone has worked hard to have a good meeting for you to come to, and I'll be looking for you on the 18th. I'm sure you can plan around the deer hunting season and take both the annual meeting in and also be at home for the major part of the deer season, including the first day.

I also hope the corn harvest is complete so all you who have corn can attend too. Please remember to keep all protective shields in place on those machines and do not let the machine to remove cobs ears of corn. Let's all go into the winter with all our fingers intact!

It's a wonderful time of year, many of summer's busy days are memories, the fruit jars are full of good things to eat, our freezers are bulging with the many packages of food ready for family or friends who might drop in, and ACWW in Michigan is only a memory, and I might add a very pleasant one too. I have one memory from ACWW I'd like to share with you, let's call it the "4 days visit of our ACWW World President, Mrs. Aroti Dutt."

When we received the letter about 3 weeks prior to ACWW asking us to host Mrs. Dutt for a period of rest and relaxation for 1 to 3 days after the meeting ended on September 14, we were surprised, but very pleased. I told them we did not have a fancy show place and that we were just average farmers, but friendly, and would be very happy to entertain her. We picked her up the 15th of September and she stayed until the 16th when we took her to Metropolitan Airport in Detroit for her flight to Toronto, Canada.

For the 4 days we learned to love her very much. She is a very gracious person, and gets homesick just like any of the rest of us. She can tease and take a joke and get a big kick out of it too. She's a conservative lady, and she worries over her son and husband just as much as you or I. Mrs. Dutt left her home in Calcutta, India the first of July, spending a month with her son who is a student in England. She then made a tour of Eastern Canada, then came to Michigan for the Convention, returned to Canada to continue her tour of Western Canada, leaving Vancouver October 13 and arriving home in India on the 15th.

Do you ever wonder what impression people from other countries have of Americans? Well, this concerned Mrs. Dutt, who said that many Americans have lots of money and a glass of alcoholic beverage in their hands all the time. She says "this isn't so, and you people should make the movies stop portraying you this way. You are a hard working people, that's why you have so many things." We decided that each of our countries have "servants," India has human servants and we Americans have electrical and mechanical servants.

Mrs. Dutt told me that she had been given two choices of places to stay after the Convention, one being in Detroit and the other a farm. She told those in charge of her tour that she represented a country woman's organization in their country and she had thought she had better visit a farm to see how the rural people of the world live.

She then visited many sized farms on her various trips to many parts of the world. She likes pictures of snow, tractors, other machinery used on the farm, and leaves that are changing color. She can show these things as they are changing in India.

These are a few of the fond memories I have of Mrs. Aroti Dutt, president of the Associated Country Women of the World.

Mrs. Jerold (Maxine) Topliff

"Golden Opportunities For a Golden Year"

Both the Michigan and American Farm Bureaus will be 50 years old next year.

However,—observances of the 50th anniversary year for the American Farm Bureau will officially begin in Kansas City, Missouri, December 8-12 where the theme will be "Golden Opportunities for a Golden Year."

A large delegation from Michigan will be on hand to help launch the celebration, with a planeload of County Farm Bureau membership leaders scheduled to add almost 100 Michigan Roll Call workers to the nearly 7,000 farmers from 49 states and Puerto Rico, expected to be on hand.

The Michigan delegation will also include many traveling by train and private car, with a total of 150 persons expected from the Wolverine state at this important annual meeting of the largest general farm organization in both the nation and the world.

At the end of 1967, membership in Farm Bureau stood at 1,753,532 member families. Another record membership year is expected to be reported by American officials at the Kansas City sessions where key issues will include future direction of government farm policy, farmer marketing-bargaining, and government monetary and fiscal policies.

General sessions of the conventions will be held in the Kansas City Municipal Auditorium site of many national conventions of the Future Farmers of America. Convention headquarters will be at the Muehlebach Hotel.

Traditional usher services will open the convention on Sunday afternoon, December 8. Reminder of the program schedule includes:

Monday, Dec. 9, morning, general session; address by Federation President Charles B. Shuman, afternoon, organisation conference, American Farm Bureau Women's annual meeting, natural resources conference, insurance conference, and 4:30 p.m., open meeting of the resolutions committee.

Tuesday, Dec. 10, morning, general session; annual report of Federation Secretary-Treasurer Roger Fleming. Afternoon, dairy, field crops, horticultural crops, livestock and poultry conferences. Regional caucuses of voting delegates for the purpose of nominating candidates for the board will be held at 4:30 p.m. A recognition awards program will be held at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 11, will be devoted to the business section of the voting delegates for the consideration of policy resolutions for 1969. The annual meeting of the American Agricultural Marketing Association will be held at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 12, will include the conclusion of the business section of the voting delegates with adjournment of the convention expected to come at noon or early afternoon.

Clinas of the 50th anniversary year celebration will come at the 1969 annual meeting of the Federation in Washington, D.C., in December.

KANSAS CITY

Because of expected crowded housing conditions at the December 9-12 annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation, arrangements have been made for all delegates from each state to stay in quarters assigned by the Convention Housing Bureau. Reservations sent direct to Kansas City hotels will not be honored.

All Michigan reservations must be through the Michigan Farm Bureau, which is holding a block of rooms near Convention Center. Unused rooms in this block must be released by November 20.

Your reservation for single, double or twin bedsded rooms must be in the hands of the Michigan Farm Bureau soon, we suggest by November 15. Send to: Information Division, Michigan Farm Bureau, Box 969, Lansing, Michigan.

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Rapid progress is being made on the Battle Creek Feed Plant under construction by Farm Bureau Services. Concrete work has been finished and now the structural steel rises into the sky.

As each floor of steel is placed, major equipment such as coolers, scale hoppers, mixers, drag conveyors and grinders are also placed to save much valuable time later.

Structural steel is presently to the height of the bottoms of the large ingredient bins, with over 500 tons of steel in place. Soon, erection of the ingredient bins will start, each measuring eight by eight feet, by 60 feet. They are now being constructed at off-site locations and as needed will be moved to the plant and added as single units. Tops of the bins will be 90 feet above the ground and elevators and distributor equipment will extend another 55 feet. There will be a total of 100 working bins.

**NEW TARPS ARE TOPS!**

Farm Bureau Services has added high-quality, premium tarpaulins to their line of farm supplies—a fact of significance to Michigan farmers now facing bad weather in the months ahead.

New with Farm Bureau Services, is the Unico premium tarpaulin, manufactured by Brown and Brown, of Mobile Alabama.

The cotton duck traps are made of American fibers and feature triple stitched panel seams and a double-fold, triple thick hem on all four sides. A 3/16 inch rope is sewn into the hem as a grommet reinforcement.

The fabric itself features a weather tight water and mildew resistant treatment which is not just a surface coating, but a thorough impregnation throughout the material.

Services officials say the tarps offer a tremendous protection at modest price—with materials and workmanship guaranteed against defects.

These Unico (United Cooperatives) tarpaulins are now available to those who want the most rugged fabrics on the American market today—through Farm Bureau Services dealers everywhere in Michigan.

**GOOD YEAR FOR CENTRAL CO-OP**

Michigan was well represented at the recent 22nd annual meeting of Central Farmers Fertilizer company. Attending the meeting of the Chicago-based farmer-cooperative were Wm. Guthrie, Executive Vice President and general manager of Farm Bureau Services; W. R. Beattie, W. E. Callum and John Sexson.

Representing both the Michigan Farm Bureau and Farm Bureau Services, was President Elton Smith.

Central Farmers is a basic fertilizer manufacturing and distribution organization owned by 20 regional farm cooperatives in the United States and Canada, including Farm Bureau Services.

In reporting on operations for fiscal 1967-68, Kenneth Lundberg, Central Farmers president, said that farmer cooperatives had strengthened their manufacturing and distribution systems during the past year, "helping to assure a permanent place in the fertilizer business for a farmer-owned and controlled system."

Lundberg stressed that despite the current fertilizer oversupply and depressed industry prices, the long-range outlook is favorable for both substantial growth in volume and earnings.
POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE — of the Michigan Farm Bureau, hears Extension Director, George McIntyre tell how inflation and higher pay schedules have handicapped Ag-Extension programs. Members of the Policy committee recently toured important state offices and visited with state officials.

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

TUSCOLA QUEEN — is pretty Kay Davis, Mayville. She will represent her county in the state Farm Bureau Queen contest at the 49th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau — November 18-19-20 in East Lansing. Crowning her is David Loomis, Chairman of the Tuscola Young Farmer Committee.

STATE AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE — visits in the office of the Michigan Department of Agriculture with Deputy Director, John Calkins. The group examined regulatory activities including licensing of pesticide applicators. A majority of the Department’s regulatory activities have to do with what may be termed "consumer protection". Included are weights and measures, milk and meat sanitation and product-purity or adulteration tests.

CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

PESTICIDE CONTAMINATION — came in for spirited discussion with Farm Bureau's Conservation subcommittee meeting with staff of the Michigan Department of Conservation. Pesticides and their use in agriculture, will be a major Farm Bureau policy topic November 18-19-20.

SENATE TAX COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

TAX REFORM — and property tax equalization — were discussed by members of the state Policy Development subcommittee on taxation, with Senator Harry DeMaso, chairman of the powerful Senate Taxation Committee through which all tax reform bills must clear.
THIRTEEN

BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES

TWO VACANCIES TO BE FILLED

What's so important about the State Board of Education? Just ask everyone in the concerned citizen's viewpoint!

The Constitution states that the Board of Education shall have the power of 'leadership and general supervision over all public education, including adult education.'

The Constitution decrees that this eight-member body, representative of the people of the state, 'shall serve as the general planning and coordinating body for all public education, including adult education.'

In short, this board has a great deal of very real responsibility over the education of every child and adult. Its members must be astute, well-informed education-minded people.

The board also makes recommendations to the legislature on the financial requirements of the school system, reorganization of schools and special education programs.

Two vacancies are to be filled in the November election. Farm Bureau members do well to study the background and qualifications of the four candidates for these two important positions.

LAMARILY JUNO KEALY

A Democrat candidate for the State Board of Education is Marilyn Jean Kelly, (00) — organizer of the Eastern Michigan Democratic-Catholic 'Academic Resources Council' and presently a second-year law student at Wayne State University. She has done graduate work at the Sorbonne, Paris, and formerly was Assistant Professor in French at Eastern Michigan and Instructor in French at both Cleary and Albion Colleges. She is an incumbent member of the State Board of Education, serving since 1965.

MICHAEL DEEB

A Democrat candidate for the State Board of Education is Michael Deeb (33) — director of the "Citizens for Humphrey" campaign in the Detroit Metropolitan area.

He is presently employed as an instructor at Highland Park Community College and has had ten years of teaching experience in Flint, St. Clair Shores and Highland Park.

Deeb is a member of both the American Federation of Teachers and the American Association of University Professors.

JAMES TEN BRINK

A Republican candidate for the State Board of Education is James Ten Brink, (02) — with 40 years of service as teacher, school principal and Superintendent.

He is past president of both the Michigan Rural Teachers' Association and the Michigan Association of Intermediate Superintendents.

He holds B.A. and M.A. degrees from Hope College and Life College in both the Michigan and American University and Teachers. He is active in the Unify Reformed Church.

BARBARA DEMOUCHELLE

A Republican candidate for the State Board of Education is Barbara Demouchelle, (36) — wife, mother, teacher, of Gross Isle, Michigan. She has taught in the public schools of Lansing, Dearborn and Detroit for five years, and has taught adult education classes in Lansing schools.

The mother of 3 children, she holds a permanent elementary teaching certificate and a B.A. from Siena Heights College, graduating Magna cum laude. She currently serves on the Governor's State School District Reorganization Committee.

How Our Commissioners Voted

"Tell us how they voted in Congress!" We alert these people to represent us in Washington; we should know how they vote on these issues of importance to agriculture and to Michigan farming.

In this plan, made by our delegates at the last annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau, has been answered on several occasions throughout the year in pages of the FARM NEWS by presenting voting records on such vital issues as the extension of the Food and Agricultural Act of 1965, (which Farm Bureau opposed) and the passage of the Marketing Rights Bill, (which Farm Bureau supported).

Now, the combined voting record of Michigan Congressmen on these two issues, plus their vote on the conference report on the Tax Economy Bill (which Farm Bureau supported) is printed nearby.

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A check of the record shows that a majority of our Congressmen voted with Farm Bureau in each instance.

Only one Michigan Congressman (Representative Dingell, Detroit) voted consistently against Farm Bureau's position on all three of the critical issues, whereas six Congressmen voted for the Farm Bureau position on all three. Included in this grouping were Congressmen Esh, Brown, Chamblin, Ruppe, Harrington and Cederberg.

Congressman McDonald voted with Farm Bureau on two of the issues, but missed a perfect score by not voting on one. In similar fashion, Congressman Boyte voted with Farm Bureau on two of the issues, but is shown "poorly" (no position) given on one.

COMPLEXITIES OF CONGRESS

Before checking the vote-record of your Congressman, remember that a "y" indicates a yes, or "yea" vote. The "n" shows a no, or "nay" and the letters "n" in a row means that he did not vote on that issue.

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It should also be remembered that a paired yes vote balances a paired no vote, and that these votes are not counted among total votes cast.

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UNIONIZATION OF FARM LABOR...the BIG lie

This has been the summer of the "Big lie" in the farm labor unionization battle. Most of the legal weapons have been used, also some of doubtful legality such as the secondary boycott of California grapes.

Many farmers apparently feel that the California growers must fight their own battles. If only the California farm workers were involved, this might be right, but much of the money for the unions is coming from Michigan. The United Farm Workers Organizing Committee reported to the U.S. Department of Labor that they collected $82,000 dues from members in 1967. At their rate of $3.50 per month for dues, this would indicate that somewhat less than 3,500 of the 200,000 California farm workers have joined.

During this same period, it has been reported that the AFL-CIO contributed $10,000 monthly to the campaign. The same report indicated that the United Auto Workers contributed $7,500 monthly to support the program. This adds up to close to $300,000 to sign 3,500 members.

There are reports of other donations by churches, the Migrant Ministry and private foundations. In one case the Office of Economic Opportunity made a grant of $24,000 for a program in October of 1965. The agency also made an indirect grant of $246,000 to the cause through the California Center for Community Development.

Numerous other funds reportedly have been made available from church and private sources, but their amounts and use are very hard to trace.

In a way the farm workers who still don't understand what is in progress let us quote from a union report of some months back:

"Our principal enemy is a straw-man, an image. This image is the commonly accepted picture of agriculture as being made of the sturdy yeoman, the solid, earthy American family farmer.

"The organization of agribusiness has a major task if it is to succeed, the destruction of this false image of family-farmerism, the identification of agribusiness for what it is: ruthless, coldblooded big business exploitation of people and the land ...

"The question is raised and must be answered: how do you destroy that false image? Is this image as important as you say it is?"

"The first question is answered thusly: we destroy this image by a systematic education campaign allied at the trade union movement, which has its own press, and at the general public.

"In case you still have any doubts about the aims of the organizational program for labor and whether it is important to us here in Michigan, it should be noted that some 25 tomato producers were unionized in western Ohio in about three days in early September of this year.

"Organizers also made an appearance in Southeastern Michigan about the same time; however, they appear to have been unsuccessful this year.

"To put things in sharp focus, let us examine the real purpose of the so-called "grape strike and boycott." Was there a real strike of farm workers reported? There has been an intensive organizational effort but it would appear that few workers joined the organizers who were admittedly paid workers for the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee.

"The U.S. Department of Labor certified that "a labor dispute exists" but has not ruled on the merits of the case so far. The fact remains there is no strike of vineyard workers.

"Having failed to enlist large numbers of farm workers voluntarily, the unions turned to the boycott to force farmers to require union membership of their workers. Churches, and other social action groups have joined the boycott attempts to bring pressure on producers through retailers and handlers. The boycott is commonly called a secondary boycott, although this time people outside the union are becoming involved.

"The boycott of grapes by the unions has taken a new twist recently as most union faces seen to have disappeared from the picket lines to be replaced by college kids and social minded city people. It could be that the order of the NLRB to New York unions to cease their questionable boycott practices has discouraged union participation. Secondary boycotts by unions are forbidden by Federal law.

"There are several possibilities we need to consider if we are to win this battle against compulsory unionism. It is doubtful that we as a voluntary organization can continue to give voluntary organization of farm labor, however. It is doubtful that it might be.

"It is essential that we rebuild this friendly image which the unions have worked so hard to tear down. The public needs to know that we do provide good housing, often forget that we do pay good wages for good work; that we provide Workmen's Compensation as required; that we are improving conditions as rapidly as money becomes available and that we provide medical assistance.

"Some people have said that mechanization will be the answer to the unions, but this may be a long time off. As a matter of fact, the partial mechanization of the cherry harvest caused problems this year for later harvests. Available migrant labor found it difficult to find enough work to tide them over the normal cherry harvest season. Some of them became so discouraged that they left the state before the apple harvest started.

"Another aves in which we appear to be greatly deficient appears to be that of management of available labor on our farms.

"Most management specialists say that the most important tool in the hands of the manager is good communications with his labor force. The worker must know exactly what is expected of him, when and where he will be paid and what deductions will be made.

"Unfortunately, we have not always been careful in explaining exactly how we want a particular job done and then made sure it went off exactly as we explained it.

"Maybe we should develop written job descriptions for major farm jobs much on the order of industrial job descriptions. It's much easier to settle a disagreement if the parties have the agreement in writing.

"The use of migrant housing has often been a source of friction. Maybe we should adopt the written housing agreements used by some of the larger employers of migrant labor. These employers not only explain the terms of housing occupancy, but they also list charges for the replacement of broken window panes, missing screens and the like.

"From a legal standpoint perhaps we should move away from getting these charges in the small print from sure from the unions to make modifications unfavorable to our industry. The prohibition of strikes is usually ineffective, but such a prohibition during the harvest would be of little help. The harvest is crucial to the industry, and courts for those who have the time and money.

"At least one U.S. Senator has suggested that farm labor be placed under the jurisdiction of the National Labor Relations Board. We need to look at this suggestion very closely before we accept it. In the first place the NLRB has operated in a manner that would make it difficult to organize the workers. It's procedures are long and tedious, tailored to an industrial atmosphere.

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