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case Secretary Butz, to add noxious weeds to the current Federal noxious weed list without any public hearing. Now this, in itself, sounds very innocuous, however, it means that he can put any number at any time on the list without any due consulting with sod growers, seed growers, or any type of farmer/producers or even the people of a certain state who produce a commodity that might have that weed in it and which may not be a problem in a different state.

Again, the fact that the Federal government can maintain such direct control over this list without any public hearing, without any consultation with anybody whatsoever, makes this proposal unfair, unwarranted, and undesirable.

It is my belief that any Federal Noxious Weed Act, if adopted:

(1) should exempt seeds intended for planting purposes;

(2) should be limited to the importation of noxious weeds which are new to the United States and are, or if imported are reason-

ably anticipated to be, of economic importance;

(3) should include provisions adequate to insure that the act will not be administered in a manner which would create an unreasonable non-tariff trade barrier;

(4) should provide for the necessary eradication of new weeds inadvertently introduced into the US and established in a small area; and

(5) should provide for a reasonable period for comments by interested persons, and for a public hearing if deemed necessary by the Secretary, or if requested by any person before any rule or regulation is promulgated.

Again, I don't disagree with your basic concept of the law, however, I disagree violently with the manner in which the proposal was put forth, that there would be no hearings allowed as is the case now and that the Secretary of Agriculture could, at his discretion at any time, put a weed or many weeds on this list. **Doyle W. Jacklin, Jacklin Seed Company.**

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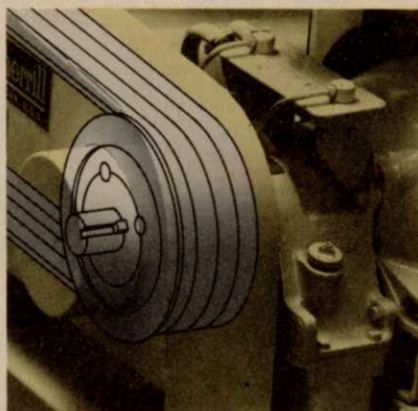


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Robert Felix

NAA's Robert Felix Named Exec. Secretary

The National Arborists Association, Inc. (NAA) recently appointed Robert Felix as executive secretary.

Felix, Wantagh, New York, has been active in NAA affairs as an officer and director. For over twenty years he was associated with Harder Services, Inc., Hempstead, N.Y.

"My plan is to initiate an aggressive program for the NAA which has members spanning the U.S. in the fields of utility and commercial agriculture, membership development, education, safety programs and a broad public relations program," said Felix.

The NAA moved its headquarters from Washington, D.C. to Long Island, N.Y. in early March.

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