NATIONS STUDY AMERICAN FARM

"The stir of land reform through out the world" is leading many countries to look at the established methods of the American farmer and the

"Many farm leaders from other countries come here to study U. S. land policies and related agricultural programs," it is reported this week in a pamphlet, Land Reform—A World Challenge, prepared by the Department of State ment of State.

These farm leaders, the pamphlet states, are asking us "to send more agricultural specialists to their coun-

tries to work with them."
The United States, as in the past, is encouraging and supporting the landreform programs of other nations which desire to undertake democratic reforms, the publication states. The United States will continue that encouragement and support.

The pamphlet notes, in the words of Secretary of Agriculture Charles F.

"Evidently a little bit of land, a little bit of opportunity, can do for world peace something that great armies cannot possibly accomplish. It is something that happens inside a person. It is something that cannot be shot or chained."

The World Problem

Here is the land problem now being tackled by free countries around 100 pr cent a year." the globe.

social development. In large areas of the economically underdeveloped regions of the world, where roughly three-fourths of the people live on the soil and gain their livelihood from farming, many spend their lives under

Many of these tenants, it continues, "pay exorbitant rentals—50 to 70 per cent of the value of the crops-for the privilege of working small, scattered plots. Others have no security of tenure, little chance to earn a fair return, and practically no opportunity

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to progress into ownership . . . some are burdened with perpetual debts at interest rates sometimes exceeding

American solutions, however, do not "In many of the areas of the always apply to other countries, the world," the publication reports, "the pamphlet explains, because "in our land problem is a major obstacle to history the major challenge was to political stability and economic and settle vast tracts of land in an empty

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continent." In many countries, where the people press upon their available of which are familiar to the Ameritae development of collective farms the Department affirms.

For example: "We think in terms of family farms of 160 acres or more; in other countries, the average farm family must often be supported on 50, 5, or even 2 acres. This com-pelling difference imposes different programs and different solutions."

American Programs

On the other hand, here are some of the helpful American farm programs which are mentioned in the pamphlet. Research is discussed as having "contributed enormously to agricultural education and extension

In addition, "provision of adequate credit has helped keep the land in the hands of the farmers and has opened the door to ownership for tenants." The practice of the democratic principle of farmer participation in the administration of farm programs has been important. And cooperative or-ganizations have been encouraged.

Pointed out in the pamphlet is the American belief that it is desirable for the farmer to own the land he cultivates, or have opportunity to be a landowner.

What Is Land Reform?

says that "many persons mistakenly cation continues:

"Land reform has many aspects it is stated. "In some cases it involves greater opportunity for ownership of the land by those who culti- measurers initiated vate it; clear titles to land and water national agencies. rights; security of tenure . . and are "to encourage improved condi-reasonable rentals . . . tions among rural peoples."

"It may include consolidation of scattered plots, improved status for agricultural wage laborers, and equit able and economic distribution of newly developed or reclaimed lands."

Land reform also may include reasonable credit, amortization of farm debts, the establishment of equitable tax policies, and other measures to make the intended improvement successful, the pamphlet sums up.

The Communist Aim And here is the comparison with what the Communists call land re-

form, states the Department. "The goal of land reform in the free world is to promote and maintain an economically prosperous and independent farm population. By contrast, the Communists utilize land reform only as a means to further the economic exploitation and political subjugation of the farm people be-

hind the Iron Curtain." Here is what "land reform" actually means—as the State Depart- have been quick to exploit discontent ment describes it. The Department where and when it arises, the publiidentify land reform solely with land seizure of power, they promise land redistribution. While land reform in to the landless cultivators. Their some localities may require an ad-justment of land-holdings, either by ultimate objective is to sweep aside division or consolidation, such an ad- the needs and wishes of individuals to justment may or may not have a part set up a ruthless state-tenure sysin a particular land-reform program." tem, and to reduce the cultivators to Land reform, the Department makes landless laborers for the state." This

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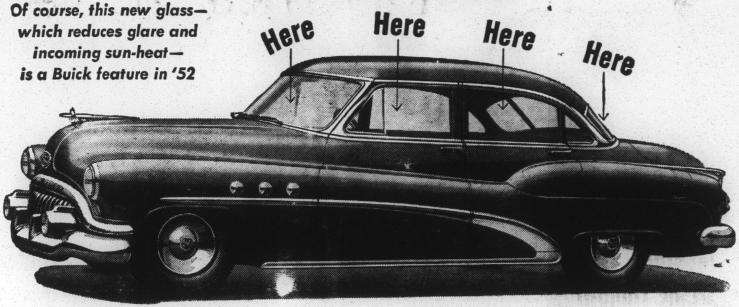
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