

The Diplomatic Pouch

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Is there any official definition of U. S. understanding of the terms "land reform" and "agrarian reform"? We frequently use these terms, but I wonder whether there is any definition of either term which is somewhat official in our foreign policy.

J. S. Madison, Wis.

Dear Professor S.:

We have not been able to discover a definition that might be called "official" for the terms. There are some functional terms of reference used in the Alliance for Progress which might be helpful to you. In that context "land reform" is a general description covering all those activities which are directed toward greater availability of land resources for the needs of the people as a whole, and "agrarian reform" is an even broader description covering all those activities directed toward improvement of the agricultural sector as a whole. Thus, you can see that the working definition is in terms of objectives, rather than in terms of means or mechanisms or institutions. A "land reform" measure might exclude a minimum wage law for agricultural workers and include a land redistribution.

Mischler Bremen, an overseas passenger steamship transportation agency, issued some sort of book, visa, or passport to each passenger coming to the U. S. in 1906 or 1907. It is understood that this book had pertinent information about the passenger. In addition, this book is purported to have some sort of Seal of the German Government which probably consisted of stamps resembling postage stamps.

Was this seal composed in part of post-

age stamps? If so, were these stamps of any value to stamp collectors? Can identical stamps be obtained today?

M. D. Royalt, Ill.

Dear Mr. D.:

We gather, on the basis of information received from the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, Washington, D. C., that the seal mentioned in your letter was a tax or fee stamp. This stamp is no longer available. The Department has no information whether such stamps are of value to stamp collectors.

As you know, the Great Seal of the United States of America has two sides, the obverse and the reverse; but the obverse of the Great Seal is used. Why don't you use the reverse?

R. M. W. Miami Beach, Fla.

A seal reverse implies a pendant style or manner of affixing. At the time the Continental Congress adopted the design for the Great Seal, in 1782, pendant seals were still in general use. A pendant seal is a seal in the form (usually) of a disk of wax or similar substance which attaches to the document by ribbons or cords. The disk, like a coin, has two flat surfaces, which afford space for two designs—the obverse and the reverse.

Although as originally enacted and as by law perpetuated, the Great Seal device includes both obverse and reverse, so far as we now know, the device of the reverse has never been used as a seal. Consistent precedent through 183 years supports the use of the obverse alone as both the Great Seal and the coat of arms of the United States.

Do you have an inquiry? Send it to:

"The Diplomatic Pouch"
P/M.S. Room 4835
U. S. Department of State
Washington, D. C. 20520

SOCIAL SECURITY Questions and Answers

George Dietrich, Field Representative of the Social Security Administration is in Edenton every Thursday and is located in the old Municipal Building.

May is Senior Citizens Month. Under the new law passed by Congress, May is also the month that persons who reached 65 before March 1, 1966, will have to sign up for doctor bill insurance if they are to have coverage by July 1, 1966, the date that medicare coverage begins.

Thomas F. Wyatt, social security district manager, urged all senior citizens age 65 or over who have not signed up for doctor bill insurance to visit their social security

office immediately, so that they may have protection when the program starts on July 1.

Almost all persons 65 or over are eligible for the two types of health insurance under the medicare program, hospital insurance and doctor bill insurance. Social security beneficiaries are automatically enrolled in the hospital insurance program, but persons who are still working or who do not receive social security benefits must sign

up for hospital insurance. On the other hand, in order to get protection toward the cost of doctors bills at a cost of \$3 per month, all persons must enroll.

According to Wyatt persons who were 65 before March 1, 1966, and fail to enroll before the deadline, May 31, will have to wait until October 1967 before they will have another chance to apply for doctor bill protection. He added that as senior citizens become 65 they should visit their social security office no later than the month before their 65th birthday to have protection as soon as they reach 65.

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Event Planned By Homemakers

University Days for Homemakers is scheduled for June 14-16 at the North Carolina State University at Raleigh. Mrs. Mary G. Cowper, extension home economist, Chowan County, announced today.

The program planning committee has made preliminary plans for this annual statewide event. The three-day program will include a variety of special interest groups, entertainment, tours, and other attractions.

Outstanding authorities will discuss woman's role in public affairs, in her own civic organization and in conserving our natural resources. Another discussion will center around "Art in Our Lives."

Highlighting the event will be a talk by John H. Furber, director, Air World Education for Trans-World Airlines. He will talk on "The Four Dreams of Man."

All interested women are invited to participate in this annual statewide event at North Carolina State University. The North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service sponsors University Days for Homemakers.

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ACROSS

- Cats and dogs
- Boy's nickname (poss.)
- Chairman's mallet
- Camper's shelter
- Sports area
- Transcaucasian people
- Fixes
- Palm cockatoo
- Half an em
- A U.S. president
- Thoroughfare
- Confederate general
- Old times (archaic)
- Hint
- Donkey
- Crowds
- Marks of infamy
- Continent (abbr.)
- Spanish priest
- Calyx leaf
- Great quantities (colloq.)
- Fragrance
- Hebrew dry measure (pl.)
- Quoted
- Weaver's reed

DOWN

- Father or mother
- Level
- Serve
- Gashed
- Oil of rose petals
- Goatee, for one
- Necessitated
- English author
- Sports
- Wise
- Part of a ship
- Overhead train
- Russian cavalry man
- Biblical city
- Vipers
- Stems
- Exclamation
- Outer layer of tooth
- Lettuce with dressing
- Loonlike bird
- Untidy
- An
- Troquoian
- Kick (dial.)

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Outdoor Tips

from the Ancient Age Sportsman's Idea Exchange

DOWN BIRD
Coming up on a downed bird, come up on his right. Reason: If he takes off suddenly you can probably shoot better swinging from left to right, than right to left.

DOWN DEER
Similarly when approaching a down deer, the thing to watch is his tail. If there is any life in him, it will show in a tail twitch.

NO-BREAK FLASHLIGHT
If your flashlight gets rough treatment in a tackle or work box, protect it this way: Slit a kid's hollow ball and slip it over the head.

WHITEWATER TRICK
If you've got to shoot some bad whitewater in a boat, use this tip to make the journey a safe one. Take a rock and tie your anchor rope around it. Drag behind to slow you down.

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