

Beans require study

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PULLMAN, Wash. — Complaints about musty or moldy flavors in processed dry beans — in products such as chili and pork and beans — have caused the West Coast industry to begin an emergency research program, officials say.

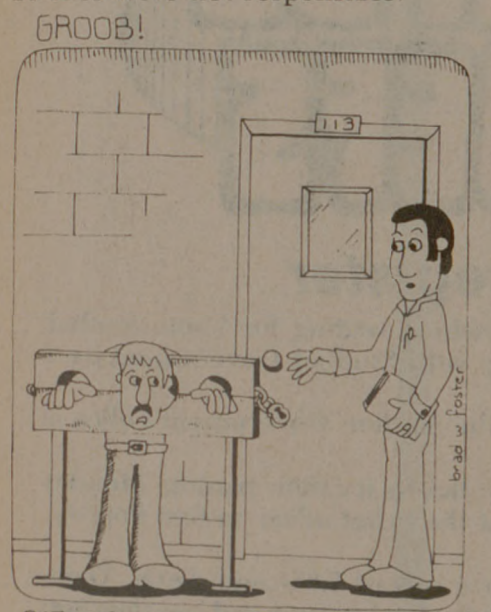
Professors at Washington State University and the University of Idaho are seven months into studies they hope will reveal why some processed beans don't taste or smell good, despite normal cooking and handling.

Some persons estimate that up to 10 per cent of the 1972 and 1973 crops were afflicted by the off-flavor problem. Up to 5 per cent of the 1974 crop has been rejected in some places, one of the professor said, though it is still too early to tell whether the mysterious problem lingers.

"If this problem continued into the 1974 crop, the threat to all segments of the dry bean industry was indeed serious," said John Sacklin, food science director of Nalley's Fine Foods and an organizer of the research effort.

Some estimates of the loss have ranged as high as \$10 million in Washington and Idaho last year.

Various tests, Sacklin said, show that there is nothing wrong with the beans from a health or safety standpoint. He said the tests showed that insecticides and herbicides were not responsible.



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Brad Foster

Too forceful, says Japan

Krishna devotees ousted

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TOKYO — Authorities here quietly are cracking down on a group of young foreigners bent on bringing an Asian religion to some reluctant Asians: the Japanese.

After five years in Japan, the saffron-robed members of the Hare Krishna movement admit the Japanese area a hard lot to win over, having converted only five persons among the country's 110 million people.

In their frustration, some Krishna devotees may have acted rashly, said John Williams, 25, of San Francisco, who also is known by his religious name of Karnamritas Das. "But our intentions are good," he added.

In the past month, five American devotees have been arrested — one youth twice — on charges ranging from assault to intimidation. The in-

idents have received wide press coverage in Japan, and the National Police Agency says it's run out of patience.

One incident involved a 70-year-old woman who was struck in the face by a Krishna missionary she criticized for forcefully selling religious literature to passersby — a major complaint against the group, police said.

Williams, who currently runs the Krishna mission in Tokyo, said the charges are "frameups" or stem from misunderstandings. None of the American devotees speaks Japanese.

He blames racism on the part of the Japanese for some of the troubles.

A National Police Agency spokesman said authorities received numerous complaints about how

the Krishna mission operates and decided to take action.

The spokesman said the crackdown is being carried out quietly — no deportations, just the denial of extensions or renewals of visas for the Hare Krishna missionaries. Most are on tourist visas and technically shouldn't be engaged in missionary activities, he added.

Authorities have identified 17 American Krishna members, ranging in age from 19 to 30, and all will have to leave the country once their present visas expire, he said.

Those arrested recently, who arrived in Japan on tourist visas, were allowed to return home to the Un-

ited States with the charges against them dropped, the spokesman said.

Williams and a half-dozen other American and Canadian devotees live in a spacious, but rundown house in an affluent central Tokyo neighborhood.

One devotee said the mission is supported from funds raised in the United States through the sale of incense and soap, but other members of the mission were reluctant to discuss its finances. Japanese authorities claim the pamphlet sales pay for living expenses.

Only five Japanese have joined as full-fledged devotees, although as many as 20 show up for the mission's Sunday feasts, Williams said.

Draft registration out

The local draft board office apparently has been getting a lot of calls from Texas A&M students who are hot to put their names on Uncle Sam's list.

Ruth Rideout, executive secretary of the local office, says that the government doesn't want to hear about it.

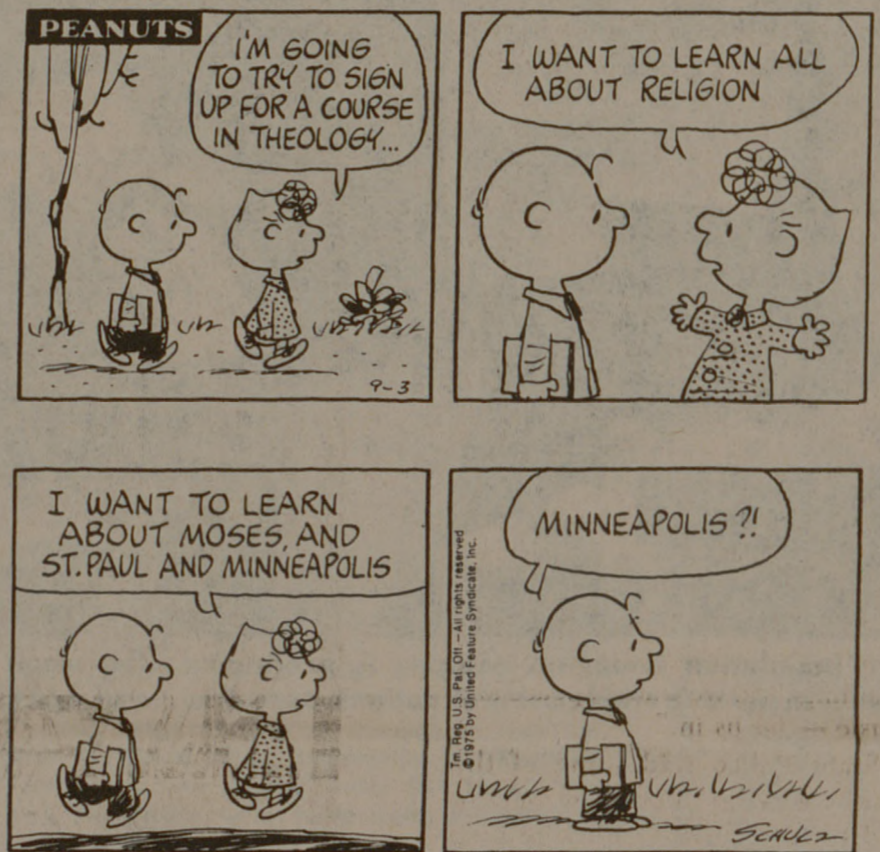
As of April 1, 1975, men becoming 18 years old are not required to sign up with the selective service system, Rideout says.

President Gerald Ford sus-

pected the sign-up operations on that date. Rideout says that a special sign-up period for 1957 babies may be announced later this year.

The selective service system is being phased out with the advent of the volunteer army, and the Bryan-area office will be closing sometime this fall, Rideout says.

Those born in 1955 or earlier no longer need to send change-of-addresses to their local draft boards, Rideout adds. All those files have already been sent to regional record centers.



Jim Earle



"Your enthusiasm is overwhelming, Fish Squirt; but believe me, we can postpone our planning for th' bonfire until tomorrow!"

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