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Farmer: price push causes credit pulling

United Press International
COLLEGE STATION — Certain lending institutions are trying to stop farmers from demanding higher prices for their products by withdrawing credit already promised to the farmers, a Virginia farmer says.

But, a spokesman for an institution allegedly involved in such practices Tuesday responded borrowers were not, by policy, singled out for denial of credit on the basis of such activities.

Don Patterson of The Plains, Va., said Tuesday during a question and answer session on resource use and production costs at the National Farm Summit, the Farm Credit Bank of Baltimore canceled promised loans to at least one farmer in that state because he participated in the American Agriculture Movement.

"Last fall farmers in the American Agriculture Movement were assured by this institution they would be getting loans, but soon after they became active in AAM they were informed they were no longer credit-worthy," Patterson said.

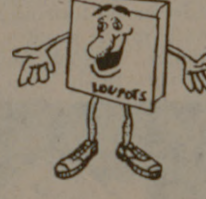
"Another family was told they would have to get out of the movement to maintain their line of credit with this institution."

Patterson said the withdrawal of credit is part of pressure applied in some areas to convince farmers in the AAM to stop working for higher prices for farm goods.

The president of the Farm Credit Banks of Baltimore, Gene Swackhamer, was participating in a panel discussion at the Summit at the time Patterson made his comments but did not respond publicly to the allegations.

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Potfuls of craftsmanship abound

Gary Chandler, a geology graduate student from College Station, looks over an array of handcrafted pottery at the Arts and Crafts Fair here last Thursday and Friday.

Carter: rights fight to continue

United Press International
WASHINGTON — President Carter was to pledge today to continue the global struggle for human rights and warned U.S. relations assistance will be affected by other countries treat their citizens.

"The effectiveness of our rights policy is now an established fact," the president declared.

The press office released one of an address the president will deliver in a White House ceremony commemorating the 30th anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

"As long as I am president, the struggle for the enhancement of human rights," Carter said, "will be a force on earth can separate that commitment. Human rights are the soul of our foreign policy — because human rights is the very essence of our sense of nationhood."

He called on Congress to ratify the 30-year-old U.N. treaty on genocide, saying, "We do not have an acceptable answer when other nations why America failed to endorse it."

And the president promised the United States "will do its utmost to ease the plight of stranded citizens from Indochina and Lebanon and released political prisoners in Cuba and elsewhere."

American representatives are delivering the message "human rights count in the conduct of our relations with other countries," Carter said, adding that his policy "has contributed to a sphere of change that encouraged progress in many places."

"In some countries, political prisoners have been released," he said. "In others the brutality of repression has been lessened. In still others there is movement toward democratic institutions or the rule of law."

Santa takes many forms

United Press International
NEW YORK — Some kids have never heard of Santa Claus.

The Christmas figure who dispenses gifts to good children takes many forms throughout the world.

"The Story of Christmas" exhibit at the Kodak Photo Gallery in New York City depicts some of them:

In Italy, La Befana, a good witch, arrives on a broomstick on Jan. 6.

Spanish boys and girls watch for Balthasar, who also arrives on Jan. 6, but on a donkey.

Russian children believe Babushka, a benevolent witchlike figure, dispenses gifts during the holiday season.

Lithuanian children think it is a Christmas elf who rewards good children, while Filipino children think the three kings are the gift-givers.

Polish children believe in the Star or the three wise men, who arrive on Jan. 6.

In Sweden, it is Jul-Nissen riding a reindeer.

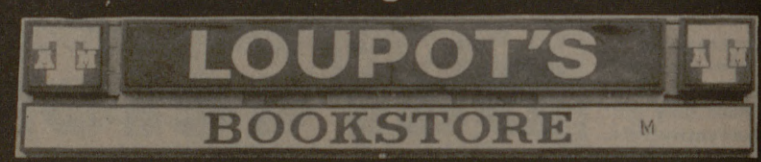
In Finland, a reindeer-drawn sleigh makes gift deliveries. In Finland, the gift-giver is Wainamoinen or the old man with a long black beard and a white mustache.

The free show, covering several aspects of the Yuletide celebration since its inception, runs until Jan. 7.

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