

U.S. wheat sells itself in Orient

United Press International
WASHINGTON — The Agriculture Department reports that Wheat Associates USA is working to change eating habits in the Far East to build markets for American wheat exports.

Wheat Associates takes some credit for teaching Korean housewives to make sandwiches, for promoting premixed flour products in Japan and for introducing fast food restaurants and increasing the wheat products available in school lunches in Taiwan.

The group is also trying to satisfy demand for noodles in traditional oriental foods.

Wheat Associates USA is the overseas promotion arm of Western Wheat Associates Inc., an organization based in Portland, Ore., which cooperates with the Agriculture Department in building wheat markets in Asia.

The Agriculture Department's foreign Agriculture magazine reported Monday that the Korean arm of Wheat Associates cooperated with other groups last year to teach 2,000 housewives to make American-style sandwiches.

The women were taught to make different kinds of sandwiches on bread made from wheat.

It was a departure from Wheat Associates' early activities in Korea which were geared toward promotion of noodles, dumplings and breads.

Last fall a Wheat Associates biscuit and cracker consultant visited Korea to introduce the most modern techniques to Korean biscuit and cracker bakers.

In 1972, a year after the first automatic biscuit and cracker equipment was installed in three Korean plants, the nation's industry used 4,000 metric tons of wheat.

Last year, the industry utilized an estimated 140,000 tons of wheat, mostly from the United States, foreign Agriculture reported.

The 13 companies producing biscuits and crackers plan to expand production capacity by 30 percent in the next 18 months, the magazine said.

A Wheat Associates milling consultant reported that flour milling operations have improved over the past few years and some plants are planning to install high-speed equipment to pack family-sized packages of flour.

In Tokyo, Wheat Associates reported that Japan's production of premix flour products has risen from 5,000 tons about 20 years ago to 130,000 tons in 1977, with much of the grain originating from the United States.

The American group promoted American wheat at a trade show for operators of 3,500 Japanese noodle restaurant operators. The Tokyo office of Wheat Associates also promoted Japanese imports of California raisins to be used by the baking industry.

Foreign Agriculture gave Wheat Associates in Taiwan credit for opening of Taiwan's first American-style fast-food hamburger restaurant. As many as 40 outlets, selling hamburgers on buns made from wheat, are expected in the next three years.

The first American franchise pizza outlet is opening in Taiwan this year after two years of work by Wheat Associates.

The group has also worked with Taiwanese educational officials to establish baking centers to produce rolls for school children. In the first half of last year, 13 baking centers produced 4.1 million rolls and 28,450 kilograms of noodles for 222 schools, largely from American wheat.

Seven baking centers were started with help from Wheat Associates and six more were set up without financial assistance from the Americans.

Wheat Associates has sponsored baking workshops in Singapore.

American wheat exports to Korea, Japan, Taiwan and Singapore in fiscal 1978 totaled 5.5 million metric tons.

American dream may be a nightmare Mennonites may have to leave country

United Press International
SEMINOLE — For between 500 and 700 members of Old Colony Mennonites, Wednesday may mark the end of an American dream and the realization of an American nightmare.

On that day, Jan. 31, a private congressional bill allowing them to stay in the United States will expire. With that expiration could go millions of invested dollars and the promise of a self-sufficient life in America, although officials say appeals and legal maneuvers likely will delay the actual expiration date by weeks or months.

The Mennonites moved to West Texas from Canada and Mexico in February 1977. They bought 6,400 acres of land. The land cost \$1.6 million and expensive equipment

pushed the investment toward \$3 million.

The Mennonites from Mexico left to escape religious persecution and land expropriation, while their brethren from Canada emigrated in hopes of finding a longer growing season and cheaper land.

But they entered the country nearly two years ago holding only tourist cards, due to expire in 60 days. They came believing the purchase of land would make them eligible for permanent status.

Shortly after their arrival, the members found they would soon have to leave the United States, despite the huge investment they had made in property and equipment.

They were given an extension to Jan. 31, 1978, by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. The INS

hoped the skilled Mennonite workers could achieve job certification which would qualify them for a working visa, the so-called "green card."

A second extension was granted last year allowing the Mennonites an additional year to work out their employment and financial troubles. That deadline will pass Wednesday.

Deputy District Director William Nolan of the INS said recently only five Mennonites have submitted applications for permanent status. Mayor Bob Clark, a Seminole insurance man and a liaison for the Mennonites, estimates there may be as many as 700 Mennonites in West Texas now, most of them living in Seminole.

The Mennonite Church began during the Reformation in the 1500s. It spread from Switzerland and the Netherlands across Europe and Russia. Mennonites came to North America in the 1680s, settling first in Pennsylvania.

Mennonites oppose the taking of oaths, infant baptism, military service and the acceptance of public office. They favor plain dress.

Peter Bergen, one of the sect's leaders, says, "We'll probably leave before they deport us, but we'll stay until we get letters telling us to go home."

William Chambers, regional director of the immigration service, said, "Our first approach to them after the deadline is to advise them of their problems. About 30 days later, we'll look at the situation more seriously."

Indiana olympics benefits retarded

United Press International
BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Toni Barrett wants to become a television personality after graduation from Indiana University.

The 21-year-old student started the right track Saturday by apparently etching her name in a record book with 25½ hours of gymnastics.

The IU senior bettered the Guinness Book of Records mark by performing a hoop during a fund-raising event for the Indiana Special Olympics program.

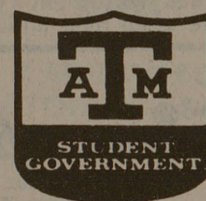
Miss Barrett began rotating her arms, arms and legs to keep the hoop in motion at 9:30 a.m. Friday and gave up only after bettering the mark listed in the records book by an hour at 11 a.m. Saturday.

A telecommunications major, Miss Barrett was the only person to set a record during the event — IU's "Spirit of Sport All-Niter." One attempt by a student to hula with 70 hoops failed.

The fourth annual event was expected to raise \$8,000 for the olympics, a summertime festival for retarded children. The event is the largest fund-raising activity for the olympics in Indiana.

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	DRAWING	7:30-9:30 P.M.	FEB. 19 - APR. 2
	CAKE DECORATING	7:00-9:00 P.M.	FEB. 19 - APR. 16
TUESDAY	SUNCATCHERS	7:00-9:00 P.M.	APRIL 2 - 16
	GLASS ETCHING	7:00-9:00 P.M.	FEB. 13 - MAR. 20
	SILKSCREENING	6:00-8:00 P.M.	FEB. 13 - MAR. 27
	SAND TERRARIUMS	7:00-8:30 P.M.	FEB. 13 - MAR. 27
	QUILTING	7:00-9:00 P.M.	FEB. 13 - MAR. 27
	POTTERY A	1:00-3:00 P.M.	FEB. 13 - APR. 10
	POTTERY B	7:30-9:30 P.M.	FEB. 13 - APR. 10
	BASIC FURNITURE	7:00-9:30 P.M.	FEB. 20 - APR. 3
	WATERCOLOR	7:30-9:30 P.M.	FEB. 27 - APR. 24
	STAINED GLASS C	7:00-9:30 P.M.	MAR. 20 - APR. 24
	EMBROIDERY	7:30-9:00 P.M.	MAR. 20 - APR. 24
	FRAMING & MATTING	7:00-9:00 P.M.	APRIL 3 - 24
WEDNESDAY	SHOP SAFETY A	7:00-9:30 P.M.	FEB. 14 - 21
	NEEDLEPOINT	6:30-7:30 P.M.	FEB. 14 - MAR. 7
	CROCHET	7:30-9:00 P.M.	FEB. 14 - MAR. 7
	BATH	7:00-9:00 P.M.	FEB. 14 - MAR. 28
	BASKETS A	7:00-8:30 P.M.	FEB. 21 - MAR. 21
	NOWAD FURNITURE	7:00-9:00 P.M.	FEB. 28 - APR. 18
	ANTIQUA REFINISHING	7:30-9:30 P.M.	MAR. 21 - APR. 11
	DECOUPAGE	7:00-9:00 P.M.	MAR. 21 - APR. 18
THURSDAY	BASKETS B	7:00-9:00 P.M.	MAR. 28 - APR. 25
	SHOP SAFETY B	7:00-9:30 P.M.	FEB. 15 - 22
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	STAIN GLASS B	7:00-9:30 P.M.	FEB. 15 - MAR. 29
	SPINNING & NATURAL DYES	7:00-9:00 P.M.	FEB. 22 - MAR. 29
	POTTERY C	5:00-7:00 P.M.	FEB. 22 - APR. 19
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