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Soil erosion caused by rain and winds

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WASHINGTON — Lack of rain and strong winds combined during 1980 to cause major soil erosion in the 10 Great Plains states — cutting a path of destruction through croplands.

The Agriculture Department reported Monday that 4.18 million acres of land in the Great Plains sustained erosion damage in 1980, 34 percent more than in the previous year.

Norman Berg, chief of the department's Soil Conservation Service, said the major factor contributing to the sharp increase was lack of moisture.

Of the damaged areas, 94 percent was cropland, 4 percent was rangeland and 2 percent was other land. Experts have warned that excessive wind and water erosion reduces cropland productivity.

South Dakota reported the largest amount of damage, 901,500 wind-damaged acres, or 22 percent of the total, compared to 620,948 a year earlier.

Montana was second with damage to 889,000 acres, compared to 406,125 in 1979-80.

Kansas reported damage to 872,250 acres, up from 442,140, and North Dakota reported damage to 817,705 acres, up from 227,750.

Damage was worst in the northern plains states, while wind erosion declined in three states: New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

Damage in other states, with last year's acreage in parentheses: Nebraska 155,695 acres (34,135), Wyoming 28,475 (13,830), Colorado 102,520 (10,185), New Mexico 64,170 (148,900), Oklahoma 83,545 (180,450) and Texas 269,006 (989,247).

Wind also destroyed crops or ground cover on another 286,257 acres without blowing away topsoil.

A final report on wind erosion in 1980-81 will be issued in June. Officials monitor wind erosion from November through May.

Hunts must liquidate silver holdings

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WASHINGTON — The Hunt brothers of Dallas are holding on to their massive silver purchases, and the government is going to ask certain banks to do something about it.

Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul Volcker said Monday he will remind the appropriate banks that the Hunt brothers must dispose of their silver holdings under terms of a loan agreement arranged last year.

The purpose of the loan made by a consortium of 13 banks was to meet the millions of dollars in debts the brothers incurred when silver prices plummeted to about \$10 an ounce last March after having been above \$50 an ounce.

The loan to the Hunt-owned Placid Oil Co., which the Federal Reserve Board did not oppose, required the brothers to liquidate their silver holdings in an orderly fashion.

Volcker's statement was contained in a letter to Reps. Henry Reuss, D-Wis., and Benjamin Rosenthal, D-N.J., who expressed concern last week that the Hunts had not disposed of their silver holdings as stipulated in the \$1.1 billion loan agreement the brothers signed last year.

Reuss is chairman of the Joint Economic Committee and Rosenthal is chairman of the House subcommittee on commerce, consumer and monetary affairs.

In his letter to the two congressmen Monday, Volcker wrote: "I do intend to again remind the banks of the purpose of the loan agreement and to bring to their attention my appreciation of the various stipulations that were part of the understanding between the Federal Reserve and the lending banks."

He pointed out that "while there was no specific timetable and considerable time might be required depending on market conditions, liquidation of the Hunt silver holdings was clearly contemplated."

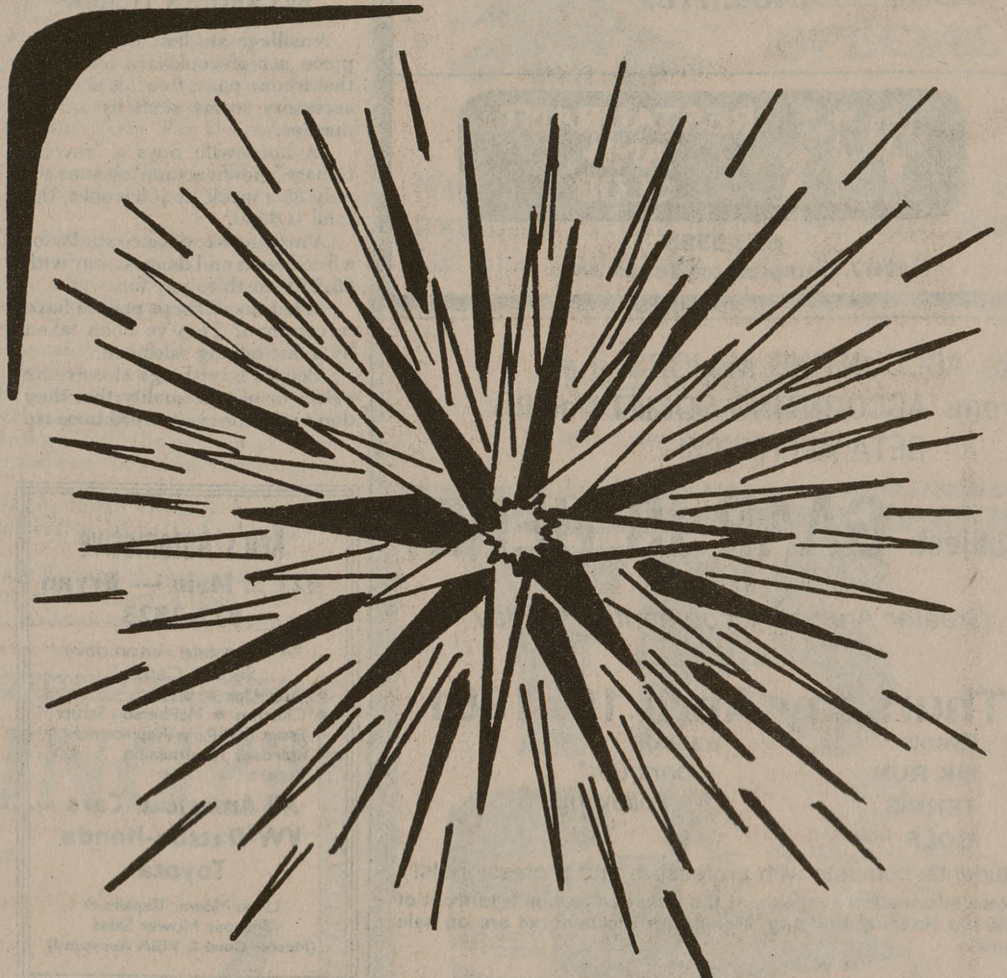
The chairman reminded Reuss and Rosenthal the loan agreement also precluded the Hunts from speculating in commodity futures markets for the duration of the loan.

"I am aware of no such activity in the commodity markets," the

letter said.

Volcker discounted rumors the Hunts might try to renegotiate the terms of the loan agreement.

"I would consider any steps which had the effect of significantly altering the purposes and protections of the loan agreement to be clearly inconsistent with the understanding that was the basis for my decision to not to object to the original restructuring of the Hunt indebtedness," he wrote.



Execution stay denied by judge

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BATON ROUGE — Robert Wayne Williams, facing death in Louisiana's electric chair next week, failed to win a stay of execution in district court Tuesday and his lawyers are headed for the state Supreme Court to try again.

Unless he can win a stay from state or federal courts, Williams will die between midnight and 3 a.m. Tuesday, one of two convicts sentenced to death in Louisiana in the same day.

If he dies, Williams will become the first black man to be executed since the U.S. Supreme Court revived the death penalty in 1976. The last black executed was Aaron Mitchell, who died in San Quentin, April 12, 1967, the NAACP said.

Judge Frank Foil, who presided over Williams' 1979 trial for the murder of a Baton Rouge supermarket security guard, refused Tuesday to grant a stay of execution and consider a new trial.

"The court was convinced after the trial and is still convinced that the petitioner did receive effective assistance by counsel," Foil said.

Richard Shapiro of the Prisoners Defense League and Williams' lawyer, left Foil's court the courtroom shortly after the ruling and headed back to New Orleans to ask the state Supreme Court for a stay of execution and a new trial.

The lawyer said Williams was denied adequate legal defense during the sentencing phase of his 1979 murder trial.

Another condemned man, Timothy Baldwin, 43, of Monroe, has been scheduled to die next Tuesday for the beating death of an 84-year-old woman.

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