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Food self-sufficiency key to future, speaker says

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The biggest problem facing society today is finding a way to enhance the world's ability to feed itself in the decades ahead, a specialist in agricultural mechanization said Tuesday.

Dr. Benson J. Lamp, the business planning manager for Ford tractor operations, spoke on the past, present and future of agricultural mechanization worldwide as the second lecturer in the Agricultural Engineering Distinguished Lecture Series.

"It is easy to get down in the dumps when talking about agriculture today," Lamp said. "No one is making much money in agriculture. We need to find new solutions."

The most obvious way to enhance the worldwide capacity to feed people is to provide proper incentives for the producer, Lamp said. And the best incentive would be a decent price for his product, he said.

Other solutions offered by Lamp included:

- trying to solve political and policy issues;
- not using embargoes as strategic policies;
- developing and using better technologies;
- developing better teaching methods;
- avoiding being part of the problem;
- accepting innovative ideas;
- casting off obsolete



Dr. Benson J. Lamp, right, talks to Dr. Ed Hiler before his speech.

approaches that worked in the past but are stagnated today;

• talking about the real issue and avoiding narrow issues. "In my opinion, the United States should use the clear strategic advantages that agriculture produces to hook the Russians," Lamp said. "This would be the best deterrent."

He said everyone, not just the College of Agriculture, should be involved in solving the world's capability to feed itself. He also said that the goal of college professors should be to contribute to graduates who have learned the thrill of learning.

Professors and students need to test ideas, look for the best solution and reach out and

stretch their thinking, Lamp said.

Lamp ended his lecture by quoting a Chinese proverb that links agriculture, learning and teaching together.

"Give a man a fish and he can live for a day. Teach a man to fish and he can live for a lifetime."

Twin girls may share one heart

United Press International
EL PASO—Doctors Tuesday continued their examinations of newborn Siamese twin girls whose internal organs—including their hearts—may be joined.

The twins were delivered by Caesarian section Sunday night at Newark Methodist Maternity

Hospital and were rushed to the intensive care unit of Providence Memorial Hospital.

The mother, Maria Dolores Hernandez, 26, of Juarez, Mexico, was listed in good health. The twins, who weighed from 5 to 6 pounds each and were joined from mid-breastbone to just above the navel, were listed in stable condition.

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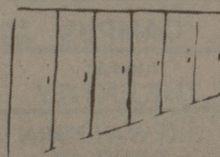
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Braniff plans jet sale, may get \$80 million

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DALLAS — Bankrupt Braniff International will receive more than \$80 million by selling a third of its entire jet fleet to People Express Airlines Inc., if a federal bankruptcy court approves the deal.

The deal would double the size of People Express, a small but profitable airline based in Newark, N.J., that provides service along the Eastern Seaboard.

People Express and Braniff Monday announced an agreement in principle for the sale of 20 of Braniff's Boeing 727-200 aircrafts for \$4 million each.

Braniff Chairman Howard Putnam said the sale of the aircraft was a step toward the airline's resolution of its bankruptcy.

Braniff filed for reorganization under the federal bankruptcy laws last May with almost \$1 billion in debts.

Braniff also will lease a Boeing 747-200 to People Express.

The agreement is subject to approval by federal bankruptcy judge John Flowers in Fort Worth, and federal approval for People Express to provide non-stop Newark-London service.

Delivery of the aircraft is scheduled between November 1983 and March 1985. The proposed lease is for five years, expiring September 1988. People Express will pay \$50,000 a month until September 1983, and then \$250,000 monthly for

the balance of the lease on the 747.

People Express also plans to purchase a Boeing 727-200 simulator, some ground equipment and spare parts, as well as technical assistance, flight training and maintenance service from Braniff.

"The sale of the aircraft, when combined with the continuing maintenance and training services, provides a significant step in the resolution of Braniff's bankruptcy and the development of continuing businesses for our reorganization," Putnam said.

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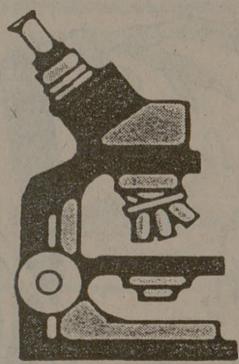
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