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A Distinguished Symposium  
Assembling at Morningside College  
in Sioux City, Iowa  
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The Deans of Agriculture of the  
Land Grant Universities in the twelve  
North Central states invite you to attend the  
distinguished Symposium: “Midwest Farmers in a Hungry World.”

This Symposium will assemble to explore in depth the potential  
impact of critical world food demands on farmers in the heartland of the  
United States, and will feature leaders from agriculture, education,  
private business, and government.

The Symposium is sponsored by Terra Chemicals International, Inc.,  
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## The Purpose

The No. 1 problem in the world today is lack of food. It appears likely the United States will be called upon to ship much more food abroad in the next few years to stave off famine and suffering. America's conscience will demand it.

But American farmers are confused. They read headlines of the critical world food shortage. Yet, their prices are lowest in years, and they are being paid *not* to produce food. No world food meeting to date has focused on *farmers*: Their capacity and willingness to produce... How big the demand is likely to be... Who is going to pay for it... What effect this will have on their future planning.

Government has not had ready answers, nor has private industry. Neither have educators, farm organizations, or farmers themselves. This Symposium's basic purpose is to come to grips with the monumental world food problem *as it relates to farmers*. It will have widespread significance — the first world food assembly ever held at the grass roots level. And the first ever to focus on the vital role Midwest agriculture will play — the area with potential to produce more food, faster than anywhere on earth.

*John Strohm, Chairman*

## Symposium Objectives

Symposium participants will include such distinguished world food authorities as: U. S. Senator George McGovern, former Director of the Food for Peace Program; Dr. F. F. Hill, Agricultural Program Adviser for the Ford Foundation; Dr. Clifford Hardin, Chancellor of the University of Nebraska; Dr. Herbert Waters, Director of the War on Hunger; U.S. Senator Jack Miller, member of the Senate Agricultural Committee; Dr. Earl Butz, Dean of Agriculture, Purdue University; William Paddock, author of *Hungry Nations* and *Famine: 1975*; and other leaders. They will explore these vital questions:

### **Where Do We Stand in the Hunger War Today?**

A graphic audio-visual analysis will put this potential world catastrophe in perspective: How real is it? How large is the food gap? Where are the critical hunger areas? Should some nations be "written off" as beyond saving? What are the biggest handicaps to increasing production? What new production breakthroughs could change the timetable and reverse the picture? How much U.S. food is needed to meet emergencies abroad — for how long?

### **How Much Food Can Midwest Farmers Really Produce?**

Based on authoritative surveys of the twelve North Central states, profiling: What additional volume could be produced fast in the U.S. heartland — given certain price incentives? How much land is left in reserve? How good is it? How do average yields compare with those of the top farmers and what does this mean for the future?

### **What Should the U.S. Role Be?**

Analysis by leaders who will play key roles in setting and administering vital policy in the years just ahead, based on answers to such questions as these: How much food has the U.S. sent abroad in the past 5 years? To Whom? With what results? Where is the dividing line between surpluses and prudent reserves? What effect will this year's record harvest have? What do one hundred top U.S. leaders recommend as guidelines?

### **What Does All This Mean To Midwest Farmers?**

Outstanding farmers throughout the Midwest will question a panel of farm organization leaders, U.S. Congressmen, university economists and other specialists. They will ask such questions as: "Am I obligated to produce cheap food for a hungry world?" "Will government determine my prices over the next 10 years?" "Just where are my profits headed?" "How can I best plan for the years ahead."

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*Honorary Co-Chairmen:*

Dean Duane Acker, *South Dakota State University*

Dean Floyd Andre, *Iowa State University*

Doctor G. H. Beck, *Kansas State University*

Dean O. G. Bentley, *University of Illinois*

Dean S. O. Berg, *University of Minnesota*

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