

They have been doing that for a very long time.

Mr. SCHERLE. It is my understanding that none of these county poverty programs were initiated until the Extension Directors in the various counties were instructed to set these up and got the ball rolling.

Is this true?

Secretary FREEMAN. No, I don't think it is true. There were many committees organized in which the Extension Service did not necessarily play a part. I think it is true when we began organizing rural development area committees back in 1961 that the focal point on that organizational effort was the Extension Service.

Mr. SCHERLE. You made the statement, I think it was last spring, that you were happy that farm prices were going down.

Secretary FREEMAN. I never made any such statement at any time and you are totally misinformed once again.

Mr. SCHERLE. Mr. Secretary, the information that I have and, of course, I can't be at all sure of these things personally but I do read a lot and I am certain in every case the press is not always wrong and you have not been misquoted every time you have made a statement.

Secretary FREEMAN. I have been misquoted a very liberal amount when I have made statements.

Mr. SCHERLE. I have much more faith in the accuracy of the press than you do, then, Mr. Secretary.

I read in the paper that you made the statement that you were happy that prices were going down. I realize that we in agriculture only number 6 percent of the total population and I know this small number does not constitute a huge "vote bloc."

Now, my question is in response to the statement you made at that time. Prices have been going down consistently. I read in the paper this morning where livestock prices now are higher than they have been perhaps in the last year or so. I sold prime fat cattle last spring at \$25 a hundred and lost money. I saw in the paper last week where you and the President jointly submitted a resolution to withhold the flow of dairy imports into this country.

You restricted them by, what, about half? Is this true?

Secretary FREEMAN. You asked a few questions a moment ago. Let me clear the record here. At no time did the Secretary of Agriculture say he would like to see farm prices go down. You made reference to cattle and hogs. Hogs were selling in Iowa for about \$15 when I became Secretary of Agriculture.

Last year they were up as high as \$30. They are right now selling for \$22.50 and there has been a substantial increase in hog prices.

Where cattle is concerned the same is true. They have not gone up as high but they have been substantially strengthened over what they were back in 1960. I have already made allusions to soybeans, to corn, and to net farm income in Iowa which under the feed-grain program has been a very sharp upward movement and, as I say, the highest net farm income per farm in Iowa in history.

Now, the question in connection with the dairy imports, the President, by Executive order, pursuant to law, cut back the dairy imports about 3 million pounds a year and the action was taken 10 days ago.

Mr. SCHERLE. You used existing law to accomplish this under the Agricultural Adjustment Act?