## .Dano, Buacua Surplus Plagues U.S. In Our Crazy Food And Farm Problem

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Editor's Note: John Strohm has been farming, talking to farmers writing about farming since just about the day he was horn so years ago on a farm in the horseweed boltoms of the Wahash. As an agricultural expert and reporter he has seen all of the U.S. (including Washington where he has served as a presidential adviser), Russia, Red China (the only accredited U.S. newspape: correspondent to gain admission), India, Southeast Asia and Latin America. In these trav-els, he has been struck by the cruel paradox of. America trying to cut its food production while most of the world is hungry. This is the first of five articles in which Strohm tells how we got into such a dilemma and suggests some solutions.

By JOHN STROHM Newspaper Enterprise Assn. NEW YORK (NEA) - The NEW No. 1 fear in the world today is man's dread of not getting enough food to fill family stom-

acts. If you could poll all persons on earth, you would find the threat of quick extinction in atomic war lagging far behind the fear of slow starvation. "How am I going to feed my

family?" is a plaintive wail I've heard on four continents.

Yet the U.S. has spent billions of dollars to hold down food pro-

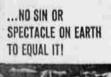
than can produce as fast as he land, and 5 million people barely a man and his family must de son. can reproduce. Every hour 5,000 getting by Today, she has 6 mil-more new mouths are crying to be lion acres and 25 million people-food for survival, all thoughts acres and use about 270 pounds. Complaints of failure. The situa-

shortages, we wallow in surplus-

bribe farmers not to grow too much

Food is a problem in three great areas of the world and each is of profound significance to us all as consumers, citizens, and taxpayers. The areas are the haveof nations, the Iron Curtain countries, and the United States, J. Have - not countries in Are,

Latin America and Africa are underdeveloped because they are underfed. Hungry people are list-loss people. Without fuel, the hu-





of dollars to hold down lood pro-duction — and threatens farmers with heavy fines if they grow too much. Does this make sense? America wallows in surplus. The U.S. has amassed a bulging eight billion dollar hoard of food and fiber with the fantastic rent bill of more than one million dollars a day.

fed. It's a crazy world. While most nations hear walls of hunger, while the Iron Curtain countries des-perately try to cope with food over the text 10 years. But by billions persons," says our De-quelled with troops, food riots in Russia has nearly half of her

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and other nations around people on the land. A farmer can lers into collectives. Red Chinese det . . . at such a reasonable in a world of want to threaten feed himself and 3 or 4 others. officials have seen a little light. price.

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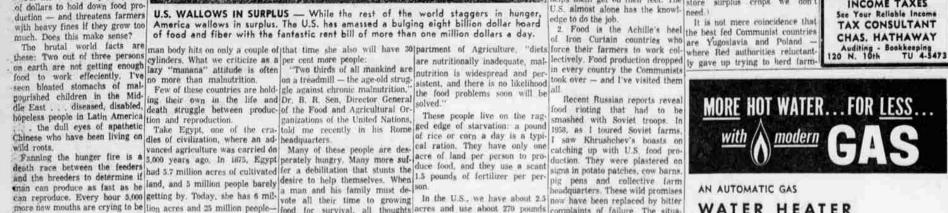
And this despite the fact that tion. according to the Food and Agri-

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significance: Underdeveloped Unless they can out how note an plus grain, an equally desperate bealthier, stronger, o long as they cannot get enough situation faces the Chinese this o cat. Pouring money and food winter. . No farmers on earth ever pro duced so much food .

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and the only lands that will have of the snowpack of last year at satisfactory water supplies are this date. Snowpack is nearly record law and summer streamflow will be much below average resulting in make to be a report re-nably recharged with the mola-ture content now up to 80 per survey supervisor for the U.S. cent of total capacity compared Department of Agriculture. Soil is 352,400 acre feet on Feb. 1 com-and state engineer. M o st other lands will have severe water short ages.

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