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Agriculture panel on PIK Thursday

Sixth Annual Nebraska Media News Days, a forum for agriculture, begins Thursday at the East Campus Union.

"PIK versus Exports—
Is There a Conflict?", will be the topic of a panel discussion, which begins at 1:30 p.m. in the Great Plains Room. The panel will focus on whether the United States should switch its farm policy from one of controlling supply to one of generating demand for farm products.

Leo Mayer, deputy administrator of the USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service, and Hisao Azuma, counsular, Embassy of Japan, are the featured speakers.

A communications seminar titled "Challenges in Disseminating Information to Agricultural Audiences in the 1980s" will begin at 7 p.m.

James Webster, president of Webster Communications Corporation, a world-wide agricultural information service based in McLean, Va., will conduct the seminar.

These seminars are coordinated by the UNL department of agricultural communications are are open to the public free of charge.

Off The Wire

National and international news from the Reuter News Report

U.S. files protest in black box search

WASHINGTON - The United States has charged the Soviet Union with harassing ships searching for the flight and cockpit recorders of the Korean plane shot down by Soviet mis-siles, a senior defense official said Tuesday. The official, who asked not to be identified, said the State Department filed a protest Friday with the Soviet Union and another on Tuesday. The State Department refused to comment on the reported protests. The official said Soviet trawlers sailed dangerously close to Japanese mooring ships, causing one of them to break anchor. The ships, under contract to the U.S. Navy, mark positions giving Navy salvage ships the precise navigation needed to search for the "black boxes" in the northern Sea of Japan. U.S. officials hope the tapes will yield information on how and why the plane strayed into Soviet territory and whether Soviet authorities warned the pilot before the plane was shot

Phone charges delayed

WASHINGTON — The Federal Communications Commission said Tuesday it will delay for three months new charges on telephone bills set to go into effect Jan. 1. The FCC also postponed new rates to be paid by long-distance phone companies to local phone companies for access to their facilities.

The delay was needed to permit more time for the commission and long-distance phone companies to review the lengthy rate changes filed last month, Warren Lavey, an FCC official, said. The FCC action means that lower long-distance rates proposed by American Telephone and Telegraph Co. also will be post-poned, Lavey said.

Gold in ancient mining area

PARIS — Gold, copper, lead, zinc and silver deposits have been found in the hills of Sudan's Red Sea coast, about 2,000 years after the ancient Egyptians stopped mining there. The French Bureau for Geological and Mineral Research said Tuesday a joint Franco-Sudanese-Saudi exploration project found massive sulphide deposits rich in these metals. The bureau said it is too early to estimate the size or quality of the deposits. Gold mining may begin in about two years, followed by zinc mining, a bureau spokesman said. The exploration team has found traces of the ancient Egyptians' mines but no archaeologists have joined the search, he said.

Fossilized skull found

NAIROBI, Kenya — Kenyan anthropologist Richard Leakey announced Tuesday the discovery of a nearly complete fossilized skull that he hopes will answer questions about man's evolution. Leakey, director of Kenya's national museums, said at a press conference that the skull was that of someone who had lived between 150,000 and 300,000 years ago and who had language and culture. Leakey said the importance of the fossil was not its age but its fine state of preservation.

Cheeseburger investigation

PEORIA, Ill. — Twenty-four people remained hospitalized Tuesday for treatment of apparent food poisoning while health investigators tried to determine whether botulism was to blame. Federal and state health investigators said the patients appeared to have dined at the same restaurant in a shopping center during the weekend. All apparently had the same meal — a cheeseburger. The Food and Drug Admir.istration and the Centers for Disease Control have been investigating the food sold at the restaurant, including pickles served on the sandwiches.

Soviets bombard village

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Soviet air and ground troops flattened almost half a village in Afghanistan in a five-day bombardment apparently aimed at flushing out Moslem guerrillas, Western diplomats said Tuesday. The hill-side village of Istalef, 30 miles northof Kabul, took the worst beating from Soviet MiGs and helicopters as well as from ground artillery and tank cannon, they said.



