

Conference to begin Tuesday

# Officials discuss food crisis in Africa

The Ethiopian ambassador to the United Nations and several U.S. government officials will be at UNL Tuesday and Wednesday to discuss the food crisis in Africa.

Julia Chang Bloch, administrator of the Food for Peace program in the Agency for International Development, will headline Tuesday's program with an afternoon press conference and evening keynote address.

The conference continues Wednesday, with speakers including Ethiopian

Ambassador Berhanu Dinka, Peace Corps Assistant Director George Scharffenberger and State Department Economist Richard Herold.

The complete schedule follows:

**Tuesday**  
 ● 3 p.m.: Press conference with Bloch in the Nebraska East Union.  
 ● 8 to 10 p.m.: Open evening session, keynoted by Bloch, at the Nebraska Union on the U.S. role in alleviating the crisis in Africa.

**Wednesday**  
 ● 1:30 p.m.: Press conference with Dinka, Scharffenberger and Herold, Nebraska Union.  
 ● 2:30 to 5 p.m.: Open afternoon session with major addresses by Ethiopian and U.S. government officials, followed by panel discussions and questions from audience. The session will focus on the U.S. role in and responsibility for the African food crisis.  
 Last year, under the Food for Peace program, the United States spent \$1.5 billion on grain and commodities for

needy countries. The success of Food for Peace and other U.S. aid and development programs will be the focus of the special UNL symposium.

Bloch, a Reagan nominee, began her career in international development with the Peace Corps. Scharffenberger directs the Peace Corps' African Food Systems Initiative, the agency's special drive to send 6,000 volunteers in Africa. Herold is the drought and famine relief specialist, in the Africa Bureau of the State Department.

## E-Week

Lt. Gov. Don McGinley will officially begin UNL's Engineering Week activities today at 2:30 p.m. at the Walter Scott Engineering Center.

Lincoln Mayor Roland Luedtke will recognize E-Week at the center by signing a city proclamation in support of the celebration.

Professional engineers from local industries will visit the campus to demonstrate the strength of Nebraska engineering expertise and the technology of the future. Small product seminars are scheduled throughout the day in the engineering center.

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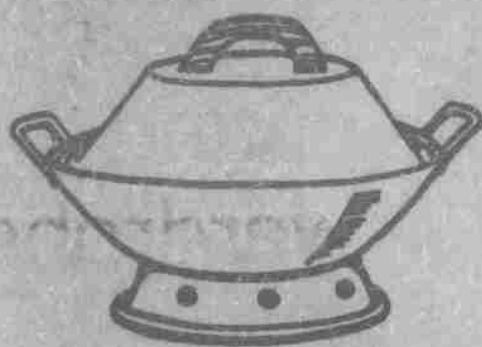


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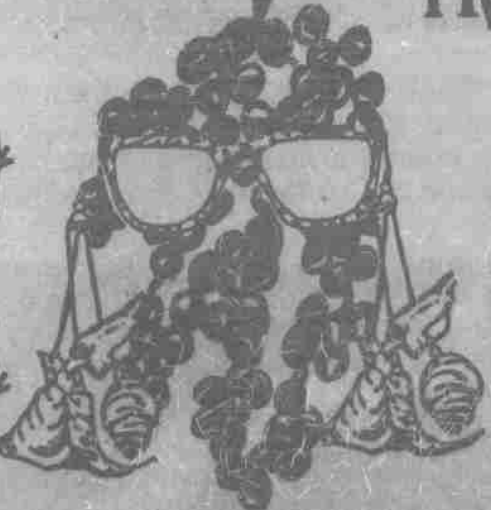
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