



Walt Meyer

more time for physical work on two corn and soybean farms he owns north of Cincinnati, Ohio; for travel, and for his other real estate interests, including a home in Florida.

"I'm really looking forward to more physical work to keep fit," Meyer said. The two farms originally were dairy farms, he explained. After he had paid the mortgages on both, he sold the cows and got into grain farming. Meyer said he bought the farms "because I really like real estate."

He earned his degree in chemical engineering at Michigan State in 1948, and went to work for P&G right away. Noting "I've always been very close to my job," Meyer said it was time-consuming and required a lot of travel. Professionally, he also was involved in a number of associations and trade groups. This has included 26 years as chairman of the technical committee for the Institute of Shortening and Edible Oils, in addition to serving as chairman of the technical committee for the Grocery Manufacturers of America, chairman of the American Peanut Products Manufacturing Institute, and treasurer and member of the executive committee of the ILSI (International Life Sciences Institute) Nutrition Foundation. He also has chaired the food industry liaison panel serving the American Medical Association.

On the home front, he has served for 18 years as village councilman in Amberley, Ohio, where he and his wife, Peggy, live. The Meyers have three children—two sons who are doctors and a daughter who works in the advertising field—and five grandchildren.

## International

### Mexico

The Mexican government has announced it is abolishing its 10% import duty on sunflowerseed oil.

### India's peanuts

Estimates of India's peanut production for 1987-88 were cut to 3.4 million metric tons (MT) due to dry weather in peanut-growing areas. This would be India's smallest production since 1982-83, according to *Oil World*.

### Chinese imports

China, a net exporter of vegetable oils two years ago, now is one of the largest net importers, according to *Oil World*. China is expected to import as much as 920,000 MT of oils and fats during 1987-88, compared to 400,000 MT in 1985-86 and 140,000 MT in 1984-85. Soybean oil imports may more than triple to 440,000 MT. *Oil World* said increasing domestic oil production will be insufficient to satisfy projected growth in demand.

### Taiwan duties

Soybean importers in Taiwan will pay less for U.S. soybeans. The government has cut its port surtax to .5%, from 4%, and its import duty to 3.5%, from 7%, according to the American Soybean Association (ASA).

### Olive oil method

The International Olive Oil Council adopted an international method for the organoleptic assessment of virgin olive oil at its June meeting in Madrid. For information, contact the International Olive Oil Council, Juan Bravo 10, 28006 Madrid, Spain.

### Japan symposium

A symposium on soy protein in human nutrition was held Oct. 30, 1987, in Osaka, Japan, following the Fifth Asian Congress of Nutrition. The Fuji Oil Co. Ltd. sponsored the event.

Topics discussed included soy protein isolate in human adult nutrition; the relationship between the requirement of essential amino acids for preschool children and

methionine content of soy protein isolate; supplementary effect of methionine; improvement of the nutritional quality of soy protein isolate; role of soy protein isolate in clinical nutrition; popularity of soy protein for Chinese children; soy protein use in Indonesia and the Philippines; popularity of soy protein isolate in Japan; the effect of soy protein on cholesterol metabolism; the effect of soy protein on fecal sterol excretion; and hypocholesterolemic effect of soy protein.

## News briefs

**Nippon Lever BV**, a Japanese subsidiary of **Unilever**, has announced it will sell edible vegetable oil for household consumption in a joint venture with **Yoshihara Oil Mills Ltd.**

**Craig Borlinghaus** has been named national sales manager for specialty products by **Harshaw/Filtrol Partnership**.

**Jim Diehl** has been promoted to plant manager of **Kraft Inc.**'s multi-product processing facility in Buena Park, California.

The name of **Miles Laboratories Inc.** has been changed to **Miles Inc.** The company is a subsidiary of **Bayer USA Inc.**, the U.S. management holding company of **Bayer AG**, West Germany.

**Sungene Technologies Corp.** and **AgriGenetics Corp.** have signed an agreement under which **AgriGenetics** will distribute **Sungene's** first seed products developed using patented biotechnology techniques. **AgriGenetics**, an international seed company, is a subsidiary of **The Lubrizol Corp.**



**Herzog-Hart Corp.**, a Boston, Massachusetts, engineering and construction management firm in the pharmaceutical and fine chemical industries, has promoted AOCs member **Richard J. Malone** to manager of chemical engineering.

## Fats & Oils News

AOCS member **Petros Loutas** now works for the Canadian Vegetable Oil Processing Division of **Canada Packers**. He formerly was with **Alberta Food Products**.

The **Palm Oil Refiners Association of Malaysia** has moved to Peti #12 Wisma Selangor Dredging, Tingkat 15, West Block, 142C Jalan Ampang, 50450 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The association recently has published its annual report, listing its aims, member companies and palm oil statistics.

**Sterling Drug Inc.** has signed an agreement with **Imperial Chemical Industries PLC** under which Sterling will develop **Visacor** brand of epanolol for marketing in the U.S.

and Canada. **Visacor** is an anti-anginal drug for use in patients with ischemic heart disease.

**Robert L. Klein** has joined the **Horizon Chemical Division of A.E. Staley Manufacturing Co.** as senior development manager, chemicals from carbohydrates research and development.

**Procter & Gamble Ltd.** has introduced a product called **Whirl** onto the United Kingdom market as an alternative to butter and margarine for use in the catering industry. **Whirl** is a vegetable product with a butter flavor.

**Soyco Ltd.**, a United Kingdom company, has introduced an addi-

tive-free soy sauce. The firm also has the capability to produce a reduced-salt version.

**Sturge Biochemicals** has produced a triglyceride oil reportedly rich in gamma linolenic acid (GLA) by fermentation using a *Mucor javanicus* variant.

**Bunge Edible Oil Co.**, a major U.S. producer of edible oils, has introduced two new edible oil blends based on canola (low erucic acid rapeseed) oil.

The company said its Hi S-N offers 90+ hours activated oxygen method (AOM) rating, with no additives or preservatives, while its Ni S-N 200 provides 200+ hours AOM.



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