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FOREWORD

This publication reports the major discussions of the twenty-fifth national public policy conference, held September 9-12, 1975, at the Inn-at-the-Peak, Clymer, New York. One hundred five representatives from 44 states, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and other interested agencies participated in the conference.

The purpose of the conference, as in other years, was to assist extension workers responsible for public affairs programs. The conference was planned by the National Public Policy Education Committee and designed to provide timely and useful information on current public issues, to discuss effective extension techniques for presenting information concerning such issues, and to share ideas and experiences. It is hoped that the increased professional competence of participants will result in improved educational programs that lead ultimately to intelligent and responsible choices by citizens in solving public problems at both the local and national levels.

The purpose of this report is to extend the benefits of the conference beyond the participants. The report will be made available not only to state and county extension personnel but also to teachers, students, and others interested in increasing understanding of public policy issues.

The report was edited by a committee consisting of: Otto C. Doering III (chairman), Purdue University; Richard L. Barrows, University of Wisconsin; Harold D. Guither, University of Illinois; William V. Neely, Extension Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture; and W. Neill Schaller, Farm Foundation.

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