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U. S. FUR INDUSTRY INVITED TO  
TAKE PART IN LEIPSIG EXHIBITION

Participation by the United States in the International Fur Trade Exhibition to be held in Leipsig, Germany, in 1930, was recommended to-day by Secretary of Agriculture Hyde.

In a letter to the Secretary of State, in which he suggested accepting the invitation extended by the German Government to the Government of the United States for such participation, Secretary Hyde pointed out that the United States is the largest commercial fur-producing and fur-consuming country in the world.

"It is the judgment of this department," declared Secretary Hyde, "that this important industry should be suitably represented at the International Exhibition and Congress by department officials and members of the fur trade and by a national exhibit."

Leipsig has long been famous as a fur center as well as an exhibition center, according to the department. Members of the fur trade from every part of the world and in every branch of the industry no doubt will be attracted to the Leipsig fur exhibition to examine all that the industry can offer in raw and finished goods, in machinery, in processes and methods of production, in skilled craftsmanship, and in attractive fur fashions.

The various stages of fur trading and manufacture will be portrayed - the capture, skinning, transport, grading, dressing, dyeing, designing and making up.

The fur industry of the United States, in so far as the Department of Agriculture plays a part, would be represented at the Leipsig exhibition by an exhibit pertaining to the work of the Bureau of Biological Survey and the Forest Service. Officials of the department say that such an exhibit would portray in a correlated manner the fundamental features concerning the organization and development of the fur industry in the United States, including the broad problems of production, conservation, and utilization of fur as a natural resource. It would also demonstrate the importance of forests as natural habitats for many of the fur animals and the capacity of these areas to produce more fur if intelligent control and restocking methods are employed. It would show the development of the fur-farming industry, which is rapidly becoming an important and permanent feature of our agriculture.

An attractive exhibit, the department feels, would be mutually beneficial to the fur farmers and tradesmen in the United States and Europe. Foreign countries have long looked upon the Department of Agriculture as a pioneer in the field of investigational work in fur-animal production and have sent many representatives to study our methods of breeding, feeding, housing, and management of fur animals in captivity, as well as the treatment of diseases and parasites affecting them. On the other hand, it is significant to the American farmer that we export \$31,000,000 worth of raw furs annually. Further development of this export trade is greatly desired and can no doubt be fostered by participation in the Leipsig exhibition.