Operation ‘Pig Lift’

200 Pigs Flown From Des Moines, 100 From San Francisco By Northwest Airlines — Destination Korea.

In the first airlift of its kind ever attempted, 200 live pigs were flown from Des Moines, Iowa to Korea in a chartered Northwest Airlines four-engine transport. 158 purebred Berkshires were included in the shipment, with the remaining number Durocs and Hampshires.

Purpose of the ‘pig lift’ is to supplement Korea’s depleted stock in an effort to help that country recover from the ravages of war. The animals were selected to improve the quality of Korean stock in cross-breeding. They will be sent to government breeding farms upon arrival in Korea.

The first flight composed entirely of pigs numbering 100 (20 boars and 80 gilts) were purebred Berkshires from California breeders. Also included in this shipment were 100 boars.

The following California breeders had pigs in the shipment: D. H. Bybee, Pomona; Arthur Cook, Santa Ana; Vernon Fairchild, Garden Grove; R. E. Goodman, Empire; Virgil Groves, Farmington; G. E. Livingston, Chino; and Mokolonne Farms, Acamapo.

Berkshires have been used extensively in Korea for crossing with native Korean stock, and the progeny have proved to be quicker to mature and more economical feeders than the pure native stock, which largely came from Japan. It is proposed, by the importation of purebred Berks of best pedigree into Korea, to re-establish a fresh strain on the Republic of Korea breeding farms. The resultant purebreds will then be distributed within the country to cross with the native swine. It is expected that these shipments should produce approximately 3,000 pigs within 19 months.

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100 Nice April and May Pigs

Selling at modest prices to do a volume business

- Both sexes available, leading bloodlines. Mostly sired by RF Fancy Crusader and FR Liberators Trademark by recent Minnesota Grand Champion. Sows carry Model Charmer, Crusader's Valiant and Command's Chieftain breeding. These are the best lines of the breed.

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of their arrival. The original order called for 1,000 head of Berkshires to be imported, so it's likely that additional shipments will be made this late fall.

Funds for the pigs were contributed in large part by the Heifer Project Committee and Christian Rural Overseas Service Program, which specialize in giving of livestock to the needy in many parts of the world. The United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency paid the shipping charges.

The airlift, in addition to being cheaper than transportation by sea, reduced the risk of loss by disease which might be high in a month-long sea voyage. The flights took only about 40 hours and only one pig was lost.