

AGRICULTURAL REPORT

SPD AGENTS DETONATE CAP

Sept. 27 (IPS)--West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's Cabinet has decided to torpedo the agreement of the EEC (European Economic Community) Agricultural Ministers to raise European farm prices by 5 per cent. This decision by Rockefeller agents within the West German Social Democracy (SPD) has detonated political chaos and confusion throughout Europe, paving the way for establishing fascist labor-recycling institutions. Right on cue, NATO counterinsurgent Francois Mitterrand of the French Socialist Party has emerged, calling for "indexation" of workers' savings and the placement of these savings in an "Industrial Development Bank"--a policy direct from Hitler's Finance Minister Hjalmar Schacht.

The West German cabinet has laid down two conditions for its acceptance of the farm price increases: the removal of the unilateral national support measures with which France and Belgium undertook to aid their farmers this summer, and the "restructuring" of the entire Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). This German ultimatum on national subsidies is aimed squarely at the vulnerable French economy, whose banking system rests on the \$60 billion farm debt.

A preview of the CAP "restructuring" that Schmidt intends was contained in a Sept. 17 London Times article, which called for dismantling the EEC system of guaranteed minimum prices to facilitate the removal of "non-essential" farm population. The displaced farmers will then be recycled along with laid-off industrial workers into the "full employment" slave labor projects called for by Mitterrand, the West German metal workers' union head Loderer, and other social fascists.

The collapse of CAP also is expected to set off another round of frenetic peasant demonstrations, which will be crushed easily unless they link up with the industrial working class population. The German time-bomb was set to go off just hours before French Prime Minister Chirac's scheduled meeting with peasant organization leaders, whose base recently demonstrated for increases much greater than the offered 5 per cent. The new peasant upheavals will, according to the Rockefeller gameplan, rapidly "Italianize" the French government, at the same time that the fearful French Communist Party is lured into the arms of Mitterrand.

In West Germany, the cabinet decision will de-stabilize the government by furthering the ability of "Brown Maoist" Christian Social Union leader Franz Josef Strauss to incite Bavarian peasants against "greedy" SPD-led industrial workers. Rumors already have spread about the possible resignation of Agriculture Minister Ertl, a Free Democratic Party member whose base is peasant Bavaria. Should Ertl resign, the governing SPD/FDP coalition would be weakened severely. The new European crisis thus has been skillfully engineered to appear as a fight between farmers and workers, obscuring the real issue--Rockefeller's fascistization of the entire West European economy.

FAMINE IN INDIA

UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK, Sept. 26 (IPS)--Indian Foreign Minister Swaran Singh, in a speech to the United Nations General Assembly today, attacked

what he called the "limitless" appetites for consumption of some countries while more impoverished nations starve. Singh's speech, coming at a time of severe famine in India, indicates just how the Indian government can be manipulated to build support among other third world countries for Rockefeller's fascist food control and "development" schemes at the upcoming UN World Food Conference in Rome. The impending mass starvation in India has received daily coverage in the New York Times this week, in an effort to terrorize the U.S. working class into accepting further food consumption cutbacks while blaming the cuts on a "world food catastrophe."

India's food shortage is indeed serious: This summer's rice and coarse grains production is expected to fall 10 million tons short of the target set by the Indian government, necessitating imports. The New Delhi power supply has been cut severely in order to overcome acute drought in the two chief grain-producing regions, Punjab and Haryana. In Punjab itself, factories are closed three days a week to divert power for agriculture. Efforts have been made to transfer foodgrains from "surplus" to "deficit" states like West Bengal, Bihar, and Assam, where famine deaths already are reported, but there is clearly not enough to go around. The drought now has affected even formerly fertile regions of Northern India, such as Uttar Pradesh. This has compelled the government to treat Uttar Pradesh as a deficit state as well, restoring 20,000 tons cut from its monthly wheat quota so as to feed its urban population. Starving farm laborers from neighboring states are pouring into Punjab and Haryana, putting additional strain on the food distribution system.

Unnatural Disaster

Contrary to the New York Times psywar coverage, the Indian famine is not simply a product of "bad weather:" The already ravaged economy was pushed off the brink by Rockefeller's Great Oil Hoax of 1973. The effects of the drought would have been minimal if not for the power shortage resulting from the closing of Indian coal mines earlier this year. India's oil bill for 1973-1974 is expected to swallow up 60 per cent of its exports, even though oil imports were cut back from 3.7 million tons to 2.8 million. Furthermore, the Oil Hoax was directly responsible for raising Indian fertilizer prices 90 per cent, putting fertilizer out of the reach of many farmers and drastically reducing crop yields.

The Oil Hoax also furthered the de-mechanization of Punjab and Haryana, where cash-strapped farmers are now selling their tractors. This latter development coheres with Rockefeller's global policy of replacing the more expensive, mechanized farming with labor-intensive methods, in this case employing the slave labor of displaced farmworkers from other states.

FOOD PANIC HITS CANADA

Oct. 1 (IPS)--Montreal newspapers have been carrying daily scare headlines predicting grain shortages this winter throughout the Eastern Provinces. Due to a series of "accidents," including provoked strikes, lock-outs, and missing railroad boxcars, the grain in Montreal elevators is now down to three million bushels. This is enough for only three weeks of local consumption. Although the Canadian deck officers' strike affecting