

DAIRYLEA FARMERS IN SUICIDAL FRANZY

Nov. 22 (IPS)--U.S. Labor Party organizers were excluded today from a meeting of 500 dairy farmers called by the Dairylea Cooperative in Newburgh, New York. Farmers attending this emergency meeting were in an uproar over the \$18 million assessment voted by the Dairylea executive under pressure from its creditor, the Springfield Bank for Coops.

The assessment is expected immediately to bankrupt 10 per cent of Dairylea's members. Others are expected to drop their membership in a futile effort to "make it on our own." Many farmers at this meeting, led by a group from Unionsville, N.Y., were hysterically demanding the resignation of the Dairylea executive.

Labor Party organizers had planned to address the gathering on the Labor Party campaign for an emergency farm debt moratorium, an obvious solution for dairy farmers and working-class milk consumers alike. But most farmers were too terrified even to think intelligently about their own situation. A Labor Party speaker was greeted with catcalls: "We don't need the Labor Party....All outsiders should be asked to leave." The Labor Party later got its message across in an interview with the local Newburgh radio station, WGNV.

SABOTAGE OF SHIPPING CONTINUES FOOD BANK BUILDUP

Nov. 21 (IPS)--An Algoma Railway Company ore carrier on one of its frequent trips from Montreal to Detroit collided Nov. 19 with the shore, causing a fuel oil spill. To "avoid spreading the pollution," according to a Coast Guard spokesman, all St. Lawrence shipping has been halted. The Coast Guard spokesman told IPS that they had not yet discovered the cause of the collision and that the entire situation was highly "unusual." "This is not something that happens every day," he said.

This latest mishap follows a series of manipulated strikes and lockouts and a previous ship collision that since the summer have virtually halted both east and west coast Canadian shipping. As a result, grain shipments abroad have been seriously curtailed. Coupled with the current Canadian embargo on new grain sales, Canada has become a de facto grain bank for Rockefeller's food control program.

In addition, ore shipments for American steel mills are affected by this latest "accident" and will add to the coal shortages caused by the so-called miners strike as excuses for massive steel layoffs and rationalization programs now being implemented by the Rockefeller cabal.

All Great Lakes shipping will halt in three weeks or so due to weather. Meanwhile, Canadian Wheat Board member Charles Gibbings predicts further west coast strikes, starting as soon as next week. Inspectors belonging to the Public Service Alliance of Canada are being urged by their president Clause Edwards to reject a Conciliation Board recommendation of a 12.5 per cent pay raise from their employer, the federal government.

NO CREAM ON THE CHRISTMAS PUDDING?

Nov. 21 (IPS)--British workers, who already have had sugar taken out of their watery tea, now are being told that they may not have cream on their Christmas pudding this year. Playing on British sentimentality about Christmas, the British press has stirred up panic that there will not be enough milk left over to make into cream.

Milk output of the once thriving British dairy industry has been falling at the rate of five per cent a month, a result of the steeply rising cost of cattle feed in 1974--itself a direct result of the Rockefeller oil hoax and manipulated speculation on grain.

As early as last February, milk production declined. Dairy farmers responded to the rising price of feedgrain by getting rid of a number of their older cows, slaughtering them and selling the feedgrain at the high prices. They cut back on investment in their herds and economized on cow rations, which led to dropping milk yields per cow. These measures have resulted in an irreversible destruction of the British dairy industry.

Now with milk supplies low, butter production has ceased to reserve supplies for the more profitable cheese market. In early December, all cheese making will stop so that all milk can be channeled into bottled milk and cream for the crucial five-day holiday period leading up to Christmas! It is unclear what will happen to cheese production after that point; the Milk Marketing Board and dairy companies' Christmas emergency plan could be a move to stop British cheese production permanently. Butter production is not scheduled to start up again until the spring. Presently plants are idle--plants in which companies invested \$250 million in the past three years to expand exports to the rest of the Common Market--and supplies are being rationed to the trade.

Livestock May Starve

The situation in the livestock industry is no brighter. A survey of the Agricultural Ministry has confirmed the worst fears of farmers: that their cattle may starve this winter. A report on the cattle feed situation showed a drop in hay produc-