

These same sources asserted that it was impossible to make any firm prediction on the spring planting and equated such predictions with a gambling game. "We won't know until we get there," one source concluded. "Unless something is done we will see a wholesale exodus of farmers from the land."

So much for the USDA's deadly game of blind-man's bluff.

#### FERTILIZER SABOTAGE THREATENS SPRING PLANTING

NEW YORK, N.Y., Jan. 12 (IPS)--The natural gas hoax currently orchestrated by the Federal Power Commission immediately threatens the supply of fertilizer upon which the next crop depends. Natural gas is the key feedstock in the production of nitrogen fertilizer.

Calling for emergency mandatory conservation measures, as a direct result of the deliberate three per cent reduction in natural gas production in 1974, the FPC is unilaterally cutting natural gas supplies to industrial users--especially fertilizer producers.

At the U.S. Steel's Agri-Chemicals plant in Cherokee, Ala., production of nitrogen fertilizer has been cut by 70 per cent, according to recent reports in the agribusiness weekly Feedstuffs. The cut stems from an FPC ruling which issued a final order cutting the plant's supply of natural gas.

According to spokesmen for Agri-Chemicals, the potential loss in grain production is more than 500,000 bushels of corn for each day the curtailment continues.

#### CIA ADMINISTRATION LEADS WORLD FOOD COUNCIL

Jan. 11 (IPS)--CIA agent John A. Hannah has been chosen acting chief of staff for the World Food Council. The Council was set up by the Rockefellers at the UN World Food Conference in Rome last November to create mechanisms for world food control.

Hannah's qualifications for the post include a stint as head of the Agency for International Development (AID), the 1960s CIA operation in Latin America responsible for establishing the political and social infrastructure required for the Rockefellers to carry out advanced looting of the Latin American working class in the 1970s.

His new job will be to establish a similar international operation enabling the Rockefellers to use food as a weapon of class war--starving out those sectors of the working class who refuse to comply with the Rockefellers' orders.

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The political content of Hannah's appointment was laid out bluntly last fall by zero-growth professor Garrett Hardin before a Congressional subcommittee on Environment chaired by Rep. John Dingell (D.-Mich.). Hardin testified as follows:

"As a guide to action, I suggest no truth about population is more basic than what I call Gregg's Law:

"'You can't cure a cancer by feeding it.'

"Experience shows that extra food will be converted into more babies.

"Is it not possible to create a Federal Food Reserve System in such a way that its governors are immune to political pressures? The strongest pressure...would be...sentimental. Starvation any place in the world would be used as an excuse for a raid on the bank. But there has always been starvation someplace in the world....since food makes the cancer of overpopulation worse, food should never be used for this purpose. Let us not forget Gregg's Law.

"Progress in lowering the rate of population increase should be the essential condition for receiving food. Eviction of three-child families...polygamy...abortion...infanticide...these are only a few of the possibilities."

According to the subcommittee's counsel, Frank Potter, Hardin's testimony was light compared to the heavy discussions among the witnesses and staff--over lunch.