## International oligarchy controls the radical farm protest movement

This chart schematically shows the channels of influence and funding that control the most important decisions about U.S. national food policy. At the top are the ideological controllers, such as the Benedictine pseudo-religious order, which originated with the Egyptian Gnostic cults that penetrated the Catholic Church in the third century. The Benedictines have been caught running the radical activist groups (countergangs) that are now proliferating in the U.S. farmbelt, seeking to draw farmers away from any effective opposition to the international food cartels.

The widely publicized 14,000-person farm rally in Ames,



The cartels are shutting down production and ushering in the postagricultural society. Here, Quaker Oats grain elevators have been refurbished to house a Hilton Hotel in Akron, Ohio.

Iowa on Feb. 27, for example, was attended by desperate farm families looking for solutions, but the event was almost totally controlled by the networks shown in the chart. These groups insist that the problem with the farm sector is "overproduction" and too much advanced technology. They demand cuts in defense spending in order to pay for the radical restructuring of agriculture. The outcome of their "small is beautiful" program would be the transformation of the technology-proud American farmer into a serf.

The farm countergang operation centers on the American Green Movement (AGM), founded by Harry Boyte in Minneapolis, with the support of the big Swiss grain cartels and former Benedictine abbot Bishop Rembert Weakland of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The AGM controls such operations as Groundswell and Labor Farm Alliance in Minnesota, Prairie Fire/Rural America and Iowa Farm Unity Coalition in Iowa, U.S. Farm Alliance and Farm Crisis Committee in Nebraska, and Shalom in Nebraska and South Dakota.

Bishop Weakland has been deploying his farm network openly from the environs of St. John's Abbey in Collegeville, Minnesota and the 27 other Benedictine abbeys, such as the Blue Cloud Abbey in Marvin, South Dakota.

The financing and political control for these grass-roots operations also come, as *EIR* has documented, from the old European oligarchical families, the food cartel companies, and the U.S.S.R.

The think tanks play a more public role in policy formation. From the "left," there is the Institute for Policy Studies and such figures as Jim Hightower, agricultural commissioner for the state of Texas. And from the "right," the Heritage Foundation and individuals like George Dunlop, executive director of the Senate Agriculture Committee. An analysis of the funding of such activist groups as the Center for Rural Affairs, closer to the grass-roots level in the farm belt, shows funding from such notorious Eastern Establishment conduits as the Ford Foundation, the Field Foundation, the Stern Foundation, and the Shalen Foundation.

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