

"EXPORT" OF CANADIAN FARMERS TO THIRD WORLD URGED

Nov. 7 (IPS)--In an interview with Canadian journalists at the World Food Conference in Rome, Charles Monroe, head of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers, called for the exportation of growing numbers of unemployed Canadian farmers to Third World countries. As top spokesman for this 50 member nation organization and a central planner of the United Nations sponsored World Food Conference, Monroe was simply making explicit and public the Rockefeller-McNamara plans for the replacement of capital intensive advanced sector agriculture with labor intensive backward sector agriculture. He identified the key feature of this transformation: the recycling of displaced agricultural farmers from the industrial world to the Third World.

Monroe was not alone in pushing labor relocation to the Rockefeller-created Fourth World. His statement was not only echoed by Canadian Agricultural Minister Eugene Waylan, but given Third World support by the Conference delegate from the Cameroons, who argued that the underdeveloped areas of the world suffer from a shortage of farm laborers and not a shortage of experts and technicians. Moreover, the Canadian newspaper La Presse communicated to the mounting numbers of hysterical and unemployed Canadian farmers the final solution to their problems through front-page storées and bold headlines entitled "Canadian Farmers to the Third World."

As is the case throughout the advanced sector generally, the breakneck collapse of agriculture in Canada, which is translating itself into growing pools of unemployed farmers, has created opportune conditions for the implementation of farm slave labor exportation. As a result of deliberately arranged deflationary credit policies, fertilizer shortages, and strikes, Canadian farmers are experiencing bankruptcies and foreclosures at an unprecedented rate. In Saskatchewan, two-thirds of all feedlot operations have shut down, not only producing waves of unemployment, but ghost towns of hundreds of rural communities throughout the area. Meanwhile, the walkout of grain inspectors on the West Coast and the coming of winter to the Great Lakes threaten to bankrupt grain producers who are forced to finance storage of grain blocked from exports at these two principle shipping ports.

The Rockefeller-arranged collapse of Canadian agriculture is producing hysteria in the agricultural sector. In Quebec, irate farmers protesting low prices for beef producers plowed up the lawn of the Natural Resources Minister and dumped manure, animal urine, and dead calves. In St. Jean farmers blocked traffic for four hours and sprayed provincial offices with animal urine and manure. At the same time the National Farmers' Union is planning isolated, token demonstrations throughout the country climaxed by sit-ins at federal agricultural department offices.