

Indian Government Collapses

Gandhi chose to crawl. When she announced that Indian state governments would have to "mobilize their own resources to cope with the present crisis," all notions of government relief through a centralized national authority were destroyed. The way is clear for the complete fragmentation of the Indian population into competitive throat-cutting led by the CIA's "local control" interest groups.

Meanwhile, every state in India has recorded deaths from starvation. The West Bengal state government reports that 15 million people--out of a total state population of 50 million (30 per cent)--do not eat even one meal a day. In Orissa, 20 per cent of the paddy fields have turned yellow from lack of irrigation. The Far Eastern Economic Review reported: A man "lay dead near a Bhubaneswar ration shop; his hopes for salvation from gnawing hunger had ended when the man was driven to eat the very dust in which the body was now sprawled."

Driven mad by Rockefeller-ordered famines, hordes of refugees have spilled into any areas known to have rations. Not coincidentally, these areas are the specific concentration camp development projects where the Shah doles out near-starvation level rations to the workers in his export-oriented plants. In Rajasthan, Chief Minister Joshi has declared the refugees must work on irrigation projects like the Rajasthan canal or starve.

In the town of Dhubri, an iron ore area in hungry Bihar, the inhabitants insisted on driving out the incoming refugees, out of fear that the influx would mean a cutback in their own meagre food supply. The Indian population is carving itself up for Rockefeller.

AGRICULTURAL REPORT

FORD BLOCKS SOVIET GRAIN PURCHASE: ANNOUNCES END OF DETENTE

Oct. 5 (IPS)--President Ford today announced a "hold" placed on 91 million bushels of wheat and 35 million bushels of corn contracted by the Soviet government from U.S. grain companies. The move marked the end of U.S.-Soviet detente, already signalled by Nelson Rockefeller's vitriolic attack on the Soviet Union in an Oct. 2 speech. Speaking in San Francisco at a conference of United Press International editors, Rockefeller sought to blame the Soviet's grain purchases in the world market two years ago for the current world food shortage.

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While providing a scapegoat for U.S. food shortages this winter, the Ford-Rockefeller attack on the Soviet Union goes beyond the food issue. Rockefeller described his own Oil Hoax, one of the major reasons for agricultural collapse, as "the most revolutionary change that has taken place without war in the history of the world." Announcing that the very existence of capitalism is in jeopardy, Rockefeller outlined a complete program to meet the "oil crisis," ranging from massive labor speed-up to labor-intensive Project Independence energy projects and his world food program. Rockefeller's speech has initiated an international red-baiting campaign to destroy any worker-farmer opposition to this slave labor regimen.

EUROPE: EEC MINISTERS ARRANGE CAP DEMISE

Oct. 4 (IPS)--"CAP may never be the same again," remarked British Foreign Minister Callaghan following the brief emergency meeting of EEC Ministers in Luxembourg two days ago. Callaghan's comment referred to the psychological victory scored by the West German and British governments in forcing France to concede to a review of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). The French government also agreed to take no further unilateral measures to aid its farmers, in exchange for the West Germans' approval of the 5 per cent European-wide farm price increase. The weakened Giscard government still retains the option of blaming the desperate plight of French farmers on Helmut Schmidt, thereby hoping to ride through renewed peasant demonstrations.

The unusually short Luxembourg meeting was clearly a staged affair, the agreement having been worked out in advance between London and Bonn. Another unusual feature was the participation of British Foreign Minister Callaghan, who claimed responsibility for introducing the "compromise," and of West German Foreign Minister Genscher. According to the Financial Times, Schmidt had requested the foreign ministers' presence as overseers. Schmidt cannot rely on his own Agriculture Minister Ertl who threatened to resign, when Germany first opposed the 5 per cent increase, out of supposed allegiance to his Bavarian base. Both German and British financial press have been calling regularly for the "reform" of the CAP guaranteed price system and the forced bankrupting of thousands of "nonessential" European farmers.