

Martino also had strong words for his Democratic and Republican opponents, Abrams and Lefkowitz respectively, both of whom he condemns for their role in "watergating" the Dairylea coop. Says Martino: "This is not just an attack on Dairylea but is part of a coordinated nation-wide Rockefeller assault on all farmer-owned cooperatives, independent food processors, and non-Rockefeller-owned retail food chains. Rockefeller's credit squeeze has tightened a noose around the necks of farmers and small businessmen everywhere--all of whom he considers expendable. If farmers are to resist, they must join their natural allies--the working class--around the Labor Party program to save our food supplies."

Martino finished with a few organizing hints: "There is no fixed way to organize this farmer-worker alliance. Many factory workers have one foot on the farm. They can set up briefing network and sell subscriptions if they seriously think about how to bring their relatives and co-workers into reality. In this way, we will activate the vital alliance whose influence will ripple through the farm belt, taking over former strongholds of the failed NFO-NFU organizations."

#### SOCIALISTS TO INTERVENE IN WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE

ROME, Nov. 2 (IPS)--European Labor Committee organizers and leaders of the "Unity for Socialism" group are gearing up for a major intervention into the United Nations World Food Conference set to begin Nov. 5. The move was announced at an Oct. 20 press conference in Stockholm, Sweden, featuring Marcello Zoccali, a national leader of the Italian Socialist Party; Ulf Sandmark, an influential member of the Swedish Social Democracy leftwing; and Karl Heinz-Holz, spokesma for the "Unity for Socialism" tendency in the German Social Democratic Party.

The UN conference has been so tightly rigged by Rockefeller forces that even the major documents submitted for discussion were written by Rockefeller Foundation agricultural "experts." The Deputy Secretary General for the conference John Hannah is a former A.I.D. official who has served as Nelson Rockefeller's personal flunky since the late 1940s. The conference will feature an entire range of Rockefeller cohorts, including Club of Rome spokesman Aurelio Peccei, a leading advocate of cannibalism; the Overseas Development Council's Lester Brown, a supporter of meatless days for workers; Norman Borlaug, father of the Rockefeller Foundation's so-called Green Revolution; and various starvation proponents in the U.S. Congress, like Senators Hubert Humphrey and George McGovern. Zero-Growth genocide supporter John D. Rockefeller III will also appear.

The Rockefellers' purpose in holding such a conference is to sucker governments into accepting a "world food bank" fascist food distribution agency in the context of collapsing world food production. Rockefeller forces will push secondarily for investment in

labor-intensive Third World agricultural development schemes to produce the minimal food needed to maintain slave laborers on starvation rations.

### Third World Beggars

IPS inquiries have revealed that many of the more desperate Third World countries already facing starvation deaths--such as Bangladesh and Sri Lanka--are going to the conference with the attitude of beggars. "We will take anything we can get," spokesmen for the Sri Lanka UN delegation told IPS, indicating they are prepared psychologically to capitulate to Rockefeller.

The ELC-Unity for Socialism group plans to cut through this controlled environment where countries are told to accept food control or starve. The ELC will present its own proposal calling for the massive expansion of food production based on reindustrialization and the development of nuclear fusion power as an energy source. A key feature of the ELC program is increased East-West trade, in which Western European capital goods are applied to the development of the Soviets' agricultural potential.

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IPS plans to provide first-hand coverage of the Food Conference on tape cassettes, including exclusive interviews with conference participants. Cassette copies will be made available to farm organizations and press. For information, contact IPS.

### STATE DEPARTMENT MOVES ON BUTZ

WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 31 (IPS)--As of this writing, the U.S. government still has no official position on the World Food Conference. Frantic lobbying is now going on at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), as State Department officials attempt to soften up Earl Butz, USDA head and official leader of the U.S. delegation to the UN conference. Butz recently stood up to Rockefeller agent Lester Brown in a televised debate where Butz publicly voiced his opposition to "world food reserves" and Zero-Growth policies generally. The vice-chairman of the U.S. delegation is State Department man Edwin N. Martin--hence, the faction fight.

Sources inside the USDA, however, indicate that Butz will settle for a compromise, whereby he will support government stockpiling while continuing to cover this sell-out with empty calls for increasing farm production and aid to U.S. farmers. To further counteract Butz' influence, Henry Kissinger will make an emergency stop in Rome. Kissinger, who initiated the idea for the food conference, will speak in favor of a reserve system similar to that proposed by the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization director Boerma.