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FAO TO PUSH FASCIST MASTER PLAN AT WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 28 (IPS)--IPS has examined the major documents to be presented to the upcoming World Food Conference in Rome by the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). Written in their entirety by the Rockefeller Foundation, the FAO documents contain a master-plan for fascist world food control and labor-intensive agriculture.

The FAO will propose the establishment of a supranational World Food Authority whose responsibilities are two-fold: To establish a "world food reserve" grain rationing system and to establish an Agricultural Development Fund with a \$5 billion per year capital budget.

The "world food reserve," already exposed in detail by IPS, will allow food distribution only to countries specially selected for slave labor "development." Existing "food for work" programs, currently sponsored by FAO and the World Bank, will be greatly expanded. Under these programs, workers are paid "in kind" rather than cash, with food allotments so meager that their families inevitably must starve.

The Agricultural Development Fund will coordinate the financing of labor-intensive agriculture in Third World countries to maintain the minimal food production necessary for slave labor. As Rockefeller's credit squeeze wipes out mechanized farming in the advanced sector, even North American and Western European workers will become totally dependent on Third World food imports.

Under the guise of eliminating Third World famines, the FAO's Agricultural Development Fund will siphon \$5 billion a year into expanding production in the Southern Hemisphere. An additional \$5 billion will be raised through the World Bank and "recycled Arab petrodollars" skimmed off workers' and farmers' incomes via the Oil Hoax.

Labor-Intensive Agriculture Only

The FAO documents make it crystal clear that only labor-intensive agriculture is under consideration. Nowhere in the hundreds of pages on "proposals for action" is investment in labor-saving agricultural machinery even mentioned, except to say that it is undesirable because it "causes unemployment." The only increased inputs will be in irrigation, fertilizers, pesticides, and seeds--and even then only in selected areas. The FAO's Rome office already has organized an international Fertilizer Pool to raise funds for fertilizer imports and the building of fertilizer production plants in the Third World.

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Similar stocks will be set up for pesticides and seeds. As for irrigation, this largely will involve renovation of existing facilities. The FAO prescribes "labor-intensive construction methods" for all new irrigation, two-thirds of which will be built in the Far Eastern sector with secondary emphasis on the Middle East.

Even labor-intensive agriculture will not be expanded to the entire Third World. According to the cabal's plan, certain zones have been selected as more profitable than others for capitalist looting purposes. The Sahel region of Africa, most of India, and Bangladesh are already written off by the World Bank as "non-credit-worthy," as induced famines are allowed to wipe out millions of the "useless eaters."

Development Regions

The FAO has specified four major regions where "large-scale lar development" will take place: the Amazon basin, Mekong basin, Southern Sudan, and Middle Africa. The first three areas will require "major infrastructure building, massive investments and wholesale re settlement of population." The opening up of the fourth area in middle Africa will involve the elimination of the tsetse fly to allow livestock production, as partial replacement for the wiped-out livestock industry in the advanced sector.

The oil company-run Middle East is also under special consideration by the Rand Corporation and the Rockefeller and Ford Foundation as a site for agricultural expansion. In an Oct. 23 New York Times article, "Oil Money May Make the Mideast's Deserts Bloom," the Sudan and Syria are cited as investment priorities. With some investment in its transportation system, the Sudan will become the major source of fodder crops for sheep-raising in Saudi Arabia, Jordan, and Syria while Syria will expand its wheat production through increased irrigation. World fertilizer production also will be shifted to the Middle East to take advantage of natural gas supplies and cheap labor.

The Maoist Way

One of the FAO's chief concerns is so-called rural development and the organizing of small farmer "participation" by agricultural extension agents. The Maoist "communal" form of peasant organization is advanced by FAO as the best way to insure that peasants increase their output and pay off their debts. "There really is no effective way to solve the problem of the small farmer until he ceases to be a small farmer by joining a bigger and more viable unit, not as a hired worker but as an active member with a strong stake in its success." Suggested models include the Mexican Ejidos, Israeli Kibbutz, Tanzanian Ujaamas, and Egyptian Agrarian Reform Institutions. Under the Tanzanian system, established with the help of Chinese advisors, farmers must speed themselves up and perform free labor "for the good of the community" to avoid losing their plot and being abandoned to starve.

The FAO reserves its most enthusiastic blandishments for Maoist China itself: "There is, however, one outstanding exception, namely China, where a rather special approach has been adopted, where technology has been adapted to the people instead of trying to adapt the people to the technology. The Chinese have expected the rural communities to help themselves in modernizing agriculture, to create additional local employment outside farming and to build up the social services....What is required [in other countries] is that these objectives be pursued with much more political zeal and seriousness so that poorer sections of the people can organize themselves for bringing about a betterment of their life and living."

Red Cover for Fascism

What the FAO report omits is that the fragmented, communal form of production and lack of technology is actually the greatest weakness of the Chinese. Without a massive expansion of agricultural machinery production, Chinese food output necessarily must continue to stagnate. As at the UN World Population Conference in Bucharest earlier this year, praise for Maoist methods serves merely to lure the Chinese into providing a left cover for fascist policies--as the Chinese economy is opened up for capitalist penetration and takeover.

FAO credit policies reveal the actual purpose of pushing Maoist "local control" institutions. Of the \$1.2 billion allocated by FAO for farm credit each year, at least half is slated for small farmers. The catch is that FAO-recommended "realistic" interest rates range as high as 10 to 12 per cent for short-term farmer purchases, such as fertilizer. The FAO identifies two stages in credit policy: (1) the stimulation of a changeover to "more modern and profitable types of farming" and (2) the mobilization of "agricultural savings for recycling, i.e., relending." In plain language, farmers will work themselves to death to pay back usurious debts, with the cooperative ensuring that everyone does his share. As one peasant population is looted dry, their "savings" will be recycled and relended to a new victim population.

Slave labor, starvation, and depopulation--such is the fascist "new international order" envisioned by David Rockefeller's Trilateral Commission, the World Bank, and FAO. The FAO conference is entirely Rockefeller Foundation-staged, a pretense at democratic discussion among governments with Rockefeller controlling all the "options." As shown by current U.S. State Department moves to organize a world food reserve, Rockefeller forces will implement their food policies through other channels--even if the World Food Conference should prove a flop.

The Solution: Expand Production

At this point, only the organizing of the International Caucus of Labor Committees for a workers' united front, including the major European Communist and socialist parties, can possibly stem Rockefeller's advance and ensure the survival of humanity. Representatives of the ICLC and united front representatives will be at the Rome

conference, briefing delegates who might otherwise be duped into endorsing the Rockefeller master plan. As at the World Population Conference, the ICLC is presenting its own counterproposal for massive increases of industrial and agricultural production through an expansion of East-West trade. Under the Labor Committee program, Western Europe will supply the Soviet Union with capital goods necessary to increase its food production and upgrade the consumption of workers world-wide. A crash program to develop thermonuclear fusion power will provide the cheap energy source necessary to sustain this exponentially-expanding production.

IPS will provide firsthand coverage of the World Food Conference in November.

FARM ORGANIZATIONS IMPLICATED IN DRIVE TO REDUCE MEAT CONSUMPTION

Oct. 28 (IPS)--Timed with the release of Rockefeller agent Lester Brown's new book By Bread Alone, the U.S. press has produced a spate of articles calling for "meatless days" as the solution to world food shortages. A front-page Oct. 25 New York Times article mouthed Brown's line that "overfed" Americans must reduce their meat consumption by at least 10 per cent so that grain normally "wasted" in livestock-feeding can be used to feed the starving in "developing" countries.

The Times has employed fraudulent nutrition methodology in pushing the anti-meat line. Grains not only lack sufficient amino acids necessary for protein usage, but also fail to supply human vitamin and unsaturated fat requirements provided by meat.

NFO: Anti-Meat

In an IPS interview, a National Farmers' Organization (NFO) spokesman at their national office repeated the anti-meat line and advocated a world food reserve--the Rockefeller-backed grain rationing system. Further IPS probing has revealed that both NFO president Oren Lee Staley and National Farmers' Union (NFU) head Tony Dechant sit on the board of the Freedom from Hunger Foundation.

Since its formation in 1963, the Foundation has worked in tandem with the United Nations' food control agency, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). The Foundation's first president was former NFU head and FAO advisor James G. Patton. The Foundation is the chief funding conduit for the World Hunger Action Coalition, which is sponsoring "hunger banquets" and pro-starvation conferences around the country in preparation for the World Food Conference. Collaborating closely with Lester Brown's Overseas Development Council, a Rockefeller Foundation-funded outfit, the Coalition is pushing heavily for reduced meat consumption by exploiting peoples' guilt feelings concerning famine in other countries.