

AGRICULTURAL REPORT

LABOR PARTY TO INTERVENE IN NFO CONFERENCE

CHICAGO, Nov. 23 (IPS)--Ed Waffle, U.S. Labor Party candidate for Mayor of Chicago, today announced plans to introduce working-class politics into the National Farmers Organization (NFO) national convention in Memphis, Tenn. next month. Waffle said, "The NFO is defunct as an organization which can defend farmers. It can lead them only into suicidal actions like the recent calf slaughters which cut farmers off from their potential allies. We're giving farmers the chance to link up with the 'outsiders' the NFO leadership is always warning against: the Labor Party-led working-class movement.

"In the next week we'll be contacting political farmers around the country about our emergency anti-famine legislation, to be submitted as a resolution to the NFO convention. This means a worker-farmer fight for an emergency moratorium on farm debt, guaranteed low-interest credit for farmers, and guaranteed fertilizer supplies to allow a massive expansion of food production."

Waffle added, "The NFO will never live down our exposure of its collaboration with Rockefeller's labor traitor Leonard Woodcock--not after this conference!"

FARM INCOME CONTINUES DRASTIC DECLINE

Nov. 23 (IPS)--The Council of Economic Advisors report on Economic Indicators shows net farm income sharply down in the second and third quarters of this year. Net income per farm was \$9,540 (current dollars) in the second quarter, compared to \$11,710 in 1973. In the third quarter, net income per farm is reported as \$9,250, down from \$13,820 last year, a drop of one-third.

Gross cash receipts from farm marketings collapsed from \$98 billion in the first quarter of 1974 to \$94.5 billion in the third quarter, while production expenses rose from \$72.1 billion to \$78.5 billion.

OXFAM BRINGS ROCKEFELLER'S FOOD CONTROL TO CAMPUSES

Nov. 23 (IPS)--Rockefeller's campaign to slash working-class consumption and institute food control moved onto the university campuses this week to recruit students as the shock troops for the "Starve for Rockefeller" drive.

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Designed to make "fat workers" feel guilty for inflicting starvation on Third World victims, the campaign has organized fast days and forums on campuses. Led by the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief (OXFAM), a British-based outfit experienced in food control, the campaign pushes a straight Rockefeller line: workers in industrial countries should eat less to give the starving Third World nations an equal share of the diminishing food supply. Rockefeller's responsibility for mass slaughter through destruction of food production is conveniently transferred to the "overfed" student or worker.

In Boston and New York, U.S. Labor Party organizers effectively sabotaged OXFAM's plans to recruit a fascist starvation corps.

Starvation Terror

OXFAM's New York University forum, "Fast for a World Harvest," Nov. 20, showed clearly how their modus operandi uses psychological warfare terror techniques. The first item on the agenda was a film of starvation in Ethiopia. It showed lingering shots of children dying from hunger and disease as a visual backdrop to the drumming repetition of death rates and declarations of hopelessness. With the appropriate atmosphere of fear and despair thus established, Zero Growth spokesman Peter Singer, an Australian philosophy professor, outlined OXFAM's practical proposals: "We should all reduce our consumption of meat. Americans eat three to four times as much meat as they need. Most of this protein is just excreted."

Labor Party organizers broke this controlled atmosphere of terror and hopelessness. Condemning the obscenity of the film, they challenged Singer: "Are you going to tell us to eat shit next--to get that protein?" Singer stood dumbfounded while the organizers briefed the audience on the Rockefeller food control scheme and explained the nature of psychological warfare.

Food Controllers

Frantic OXFAM agents tried to rescue the befuddled Singer. "What is OXFAM, anyway?" one of them shouted. Singer picked up this lead, only to expose himself further: "OXFAM was started after the war to help the starving Germans. You may not know it, but there was a lot of starvation in Germany at the time. OXFAM was set up to help them, even though they were the enemy."

OXFAM's post-war "help" was nothing but the weapon of food control, first exercised by Anglo-American capitalists against a captive German population who were enlisted as slave laborers in exchange for their meager food rations.

Labor Party organizers defused similar meetings at Harvard and MIT in Boston this week.