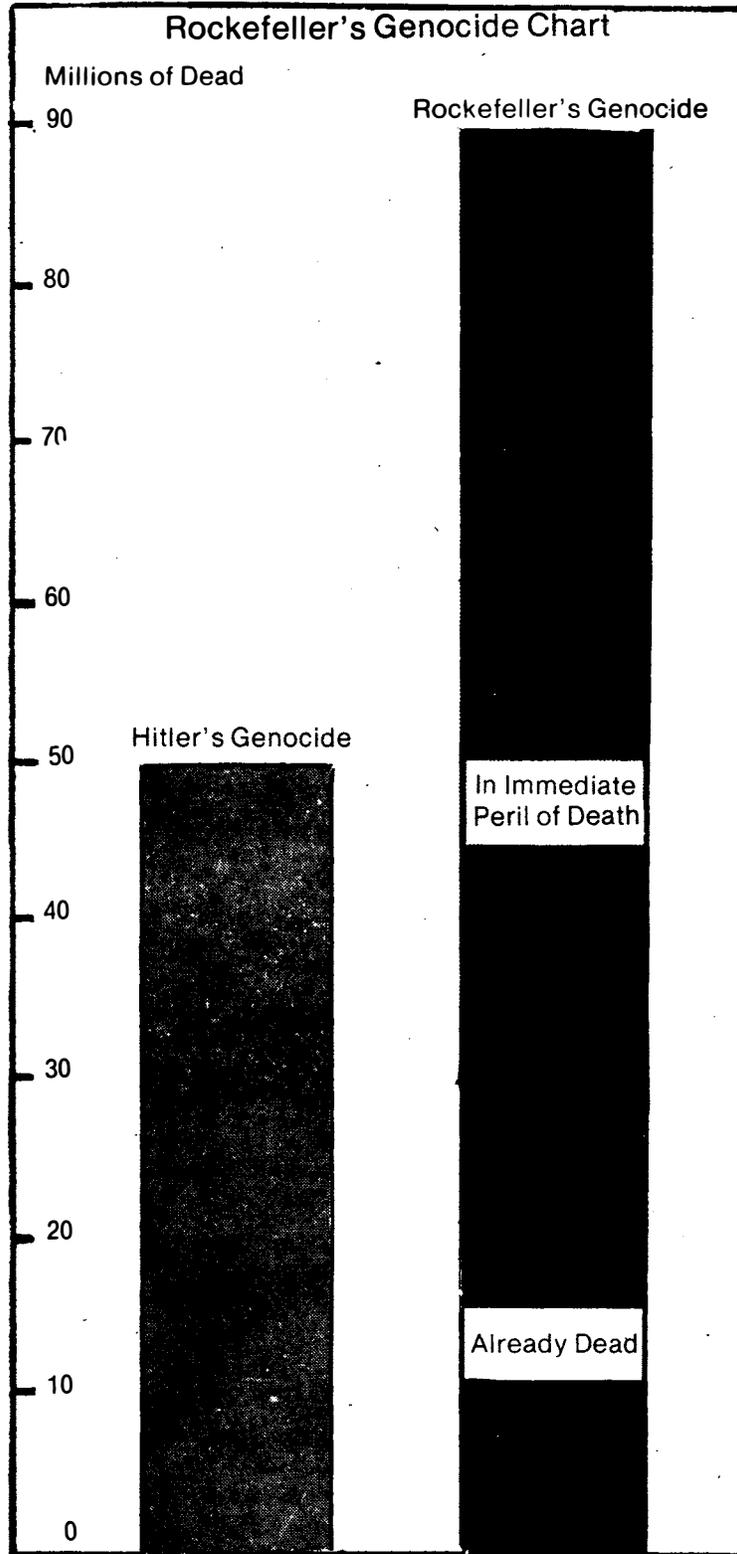


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At the present moment, humanity is faced with the most catastrophic famine and mass slaughter in history. Since this summer, more than 20 million people have starved to death in India, Bangladesh, East Africa, the Sahel, and Central and South America. This famine is not the result of natural disasters. It is instead the result of the deliberate sabotage of food production and distribution by supranational agencies operating in their own political and economic interests. These 20 million deaths are mass murder, mass murder planned and carried out by the cabal organized and led by the Rockefeller family.

Unless immediate action is taken to provide massive food shipments from existing reserves to the starving countries and to immediately expand food production world-wide, more than 90 million human beings will die within the next few months. The implementation of such an Emergency Food Program is the most urgent task facing the world today.

This Labor Committee brief details the precise extent of genocide by starvation, the men responsible for it, and what can be done to stop it.

## The Extent of Genocide

The magnitude of the loss of life occurring today is best indicated by the fact that, during the months of October and November, 1974, the total world population declined, probably for the first time since the Great Plagues of the mid-seventeenth century. The entire natural growth of some 20 million births was more than wiped out by mass death from starvation. If the present phase of devastation is allowed to continue for even another month, the world will have suffered a net contraction in population for the entire year of 1974.

The center of this mass death is the Indian Subcontinent. Three years of acute disintegration has plunged the population of India and Bangladesh into utter collapse. In India, the states of Bihar, West Bengal, Kerala, Rajasthan, Orissa, Maharashtra and Gujarat, a total of 250 million people, are all famine-stricken. In non-famine years, the average caloric intake had been reduced to a bare subsistence minimum of about 2000 calories a day. Today, in the famine regions, the maximum diet is 1,600-1,800 calories a day. More than 60 million people are being wholly supported through government supplies of only 1,000 calories a day.

In Bangladesh food consumption had already dropped to the totally marginal level of 1,850 calories a day by 1972. Today, more than 20 million people, nearly one third of the entire population, are virtually without food, and have been since early this September. Of these people, six million are in

government "gruel camps." Here they are fed token rations of 300 calories a day, a single bowl of thin gruel. The "luckier" 15 million on the rations of the "fair price stores" are receiving little better — 700 calories a day. Throughout the Subcontinent, men, women, and children are reduced to utter desperation, eating the bark off trees, digging for roots, grass, worms, insects — anything to keep alive.

Under these conditions, genocide can be the only result. A human being requires approximately 3,000 calories a day for normal activity and health, 2,000 calories for bare subsistence if any activity at all is to be maintained. The absolute minimum to merely preserve life, without any physical activity at all is 1,600 calories a day. If food supplies are cut below this level, an individual's body will begin to consume itself, starting with fat supplies, then muscles, then organs, until the person collapses in complete exhaustion and death. For the already critically undernourished population of the Subcontinent, an intake of only 300 calories a day means that death is inevitable within seven weeks; on 700 calories a day death will result within 10 weeks; and on 1,000 calories a day, within three months. With famine in some areas already approaching a duration of three months, death rates in the thousands of "skeleton camps" where human beings lie row upon row amid the stench of their own excrement, are above 5 per thousand per day — a death rate of more than 300,000 deaths per day on the Subcontinent as a whole.

It is conservative to estimate the total deaths thus far in Bangladesh at 6-8 million and those in India at 12-15 million. Without a reversal of the present situation in the next few weeks an additional 60 million will inevitably die by year's end.

As the massive depopulation of the Indian Subcontinent proceeds, the famine begun last year in Sahelian Africa is continuing and spreading. More than five million people in the worst affected regions have already died; the slaughter has now extended to Ethiopia and Tanzania.

A fully comparable situation on a smaller scale exists in Honduras and Central America, where the recent hurricane was the final blow to already collapsing economies. More than 600,000 people are now virtually without food supplies.

Nor is the havoc limited to the devastated "Fourth World" countries. In Brazil, the mass murder proceeds less dramatically, but no less massively. A full 40 per cent of Brazil's 100 million people receive insufficient calories; and two thirds receive a generally deficient diet. The consequence of this slow starvation has been a soaring increase in the incidence of all disease and of disease mortality.

**Starvation Deaths in India and Bangladesh  
from August to November 1974**

Group	Total Population in Group	Daily per Capita Calorie Intake	Total Deaths
Indians on government rations	60,000,000	1000	15,000,000
Bengalis on "Fair Price Stores" Rations	15,000,000	700	4,000,000
Bengalis in "Gruel Camps"	6,000,000	300	2,000,000

Infant mortality has more than doubled in the past 10 years and now averages nearly 15 per cent for the country as a whole. In some regions 28 per cent of all infants die in the first year. The average death rate for children during the first five years of life is estimated to be above 30 per cent. At the present time more than 2 million children under the age of five die each year in Brazil.

The incidence of all disease is colossal. Malaria has risen by 12.5 times in the past few years. Eighty-nine per cent of all children examined in one recent study in Sao Paulo had intestinal parasites. Over 12 million Brazilians are afflicted with "chagas." An epidemic of meningitis, one of many new strains developing in the catastrophic conditions of Brazil, is still growing. Already 40,000 have died. While meningitis death rates in well-fed populations never rise above 4 per cent, in Brazil, the death rate is between 10 and 20 per cent.

**Who Is Responsible?**

What is the reason for this mass slaughter? Who has caused it?

These millions of deaths are not the result of any natural catastrophe. The 20 million human beings in the Indian Subcontinent are being consciously murdered. This genocide by starvation and famine is the horrendous crime of the supranational cabal led by the Rockefeller Family.

The present famines are the first result of a general plan which is explicitly aimed at wiping out one billion human beings in the next decade. The famines are caused by the systematic withholding of the means of producing food — fuel, fertilizer, and the credit to buy them, and of food itself from the populations of the Indian Subcontinent and other "Fourth World" regions.

This plan for genocide on an unprecedented scale is explicitly laid out in the publications of the supranational institutions which in turn carry them out.

John D. Rockefeller III has himself personally stated the capitalist necessity to reduce the world population by one billion. The September 1974 report of the World

Bank, run by Rockefeller crony Robert McNamara\*, details exactly who is to be eliminated. The entire "Fourth World", a concept coined by the Rockefeller-controlled Trilateral Commission, is to be written off. The area of South Asia, Africa, and most of Latin America with the exception of "redevelopment pockets" in the Rio de la Plata and elsewhere is doomed. This entire region is deemed "uncreditworthy" by the World Bank — that is, incapable of providing the loot required by the continued existence of Rockefeller financial interests. The verdict of the report is clear — these countries are to be squeezed of the last ounce of debt service on the \$25 billion they presently owe major banks. They will then be liquidated as unnecessary costs. So-called "redevelopment areas" like Brazil, are to be only more slowly drained of their population and wealth.

While the genocidal policy outlined in the World Bank report is covered by the proper banking language and niceties, in other cabal publications of the cabal it stands nakedly expressed. In October, 1974, the President of Rockefeller University presented an award to Jay Forrester for his work in the Zero-Growth propaganda. Forrester's work was outlined in a report by his assistant, Dale Runge.

This report states that basic method by which genocide is being carried out — the total withholding of the means of food production and food itself from selected populations. Food relief is declared "unethical;" it leads only to greater population increases in the future. The "ethical" alternative offered is "triage":

"The basic idea of triage is to place food short countries into three categories: those that will probably survive without help; those who could survive with help; those that are hopeless. Aid should be allocated only to those in the middle category."

India, Bangladesh, Africa and much of Central and South America have been written off as "hopeless." Their populations will starve to death.

\*Robert McNamara: Prior to becoming head of the World Bank, McNamara was Secretary of Defense in the Kennedy and Johnson Administrations. He was recommended and effectively chosen for his post at the World Bank by Robert Lovett, who was connected to the banking investment house of Brown Brothers Harriman, which is interlocked with Rockefeller interests. McNamara is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Ford Foundation, which worked hand in glove with the Rockefeller Foundation around the world.

\*The former head of the World Bank was John McCloy. Before coming to the World Bank, he was chairman of the Rockefeller owned Chase Manhattan Bank. He served as a key figure in reorganizing the post World War II European economy for Rockefeller interests, and was a key figure in the 1964 military coup in Brazil. In 1971, McCloy negotiated the agreement by which the OPEC nations began cutting back on oil production. He is currently Chairman of the Trustees of the Ford Foundation.

Those countries thus condemned may have a temporary reprieve if they agree to carry out the policy of "population control" — triage, on their own:

"Continuous food aid to any country should be made effectively subject to two binding minimum restraints: quantitatively expressed plans and specified means of implementing agricultural improvement and reducing birth rates. A country which chooses not to subscribe to and implement these restraints takes humanitarianism into its own hands and should be left to its own destiny in the future."

Precisely what this means in practice is illustrated by the October 1974 meeting of the Aid Bangladesh Consortium, representing major governmental and banking creditors. The World Bank presided over the meeting. The terms dictated to Bangladesh for any further, even token credit were: population control, based on forced sterilization and forced abortion; agricultural reform, based on converting land now producing rice to jute production for export.

In February of this year the World Bank "predicted" that 30 million would die this year of starvation. This has occurred. The following details the methods by which this "prediction" was put into effect, by which the first installment of one billion deaths was made.

**I. The Withholding of Fuel.** As a result of the 400 per cent increase in the price of oil, the farmers of Indian and Bangladesh were unable to purchase the fuel they needed for agriculture. In particular, there was inadequate fuel to run the irrigation pumps of the dryer regions of India, leading to a direct loss of grain through lack of moisture. This increase and the accompanying withholding of oil was initiated by the major oil firms and the oil producers in December, 1973. It is no secret that the oil firms are owned or controlled by the Rockefellers. It is only slightly less well-known that the "governments" of Iran, Saudi Arabia, Algeria and Libya were installed and are controlled by the United States Intelligence Agency (CIA). The CIA since its inception has acted purely as a private executing agency of the Rockefeller Family and associated financial interests. The Rockefeller Family was intimately involved with the origin of the CIA. The Rockefeller control of the other "OPEC" states such as Venezuela and Indonesia is well-known.

**II. The Withholding of Fertilizer.** The vast bulk of the decline in grain production in India and Bangladesh is the result of a shortage of fertilizer. In June, 1974, shipments of fertilizer to the Subcontinent were held up by the fertilizer producers. Fertilizer companies demanded payment on the basis of new prices which were 100 per cent above the old ones. As a result of high prices rises and inadequate cash or credit available to buy sufficient fertilizer, India suffered a fertilizer shortage of one million tons; Bangladesh suffered a shortage of more than 200,000 tons. The direct consequence of these shortages was the reduction of the Indian crop by more than 10 million tons, and that of Bangladesh from 19.5 million tons to 13 million tons.

### Deaths Due to Rockefeller Zero Growth Policies from 1964-1974

Region	Total Deaths	Period
Indian Subcontinent	20-25,000,000	1974
Sahel and East Africa	3-5,000,000	1973-74
Brazil	10-20,000,000	1964-74
Total	33-50,000,000	

Since the mid 1960s the world fertilizer trade and production has been entirely taken over by the Rockefeller-controlled oil companies and other Rockefeller interests: W.R. Grace, in the United States; Ultrafertil in Brazil; Coromandle Ltd. in India itself; Sumitomo Durez of Japan; Ste. Atlantiques d'Enggries Chemiques of France. The rich phosphate rock deposits in Sengala and Toga are all owned or controlled by Rockefeller. Under Rockefeller orders worldwide fertilizer production has been cut back to such an extent that many plants are running at only 85 per cent or even 60 per cent of capacity. Under Rockefeller orders, fertilizer has been denied to both the famine areas; the fertilizer supply to the farmers of North America and Europe who could produce the food necessary to replace that lost in the underdeveloped areas, has also decreased.

### III. Withholding of Credit — Draining of Foreign Exchange.

That sector condemned by the World Bank to destruction is being stripped of credit and foreign exchange necessary to import food. Debt service which increased by 60 per cent last year to \$1.6 billion for the "lower income countries" naturally takes the first chunk of exchange. Then comes the more than \$5 billion in additional import costs attributable to the oil and fertilizer hoaxes. Since the total imports of the condemned countries has already been falling since 1971, the combined impact is to reduce the total exchange available for all non-fuel imports, including food, by more than 75 per cent. At the same time, the flow of new credit, which now becomes essential for mere existence, is cut off. The net flow of credit to South Asia, for example, is now less than half what it was in 1965, in absolute terms, and even less when inflation is counted in.

At its meeting in May 1974 the Aid India Consortium eliminated all new aid to India and determined that all loans would be allocated only to pay the \$770 million in debt service falling due in 1974.

The refusal to grant credit by the World Bank and other supranational agencies forces the least developed nations to loot themselves for goods to export in order to gain foreign exchange. In primitive agriculture, such looting leads directly to the collapse

of the food production system and so-called "natural" disasters. Bangladesh has been forced to simultaneously attempt to maintain jute exports and grow the rice needed for survival. As a direct result, the labor needed for maintaining of irrigation and flood control works has not been available. The deterioration of these works is the immediate cause of the disastrous flooding which devastated the Bengali rice crop in August, destroying 15-25 million tons of grain, immensely aggravating famine conditions.

Similarly, the nations of the Sahel have been forced to produce ever greater quantities of beef for export. This process resulted in overgrazing, the destruction of the soil cover, the loss of soil moisture and the current devastating drought. Even with the drought, the process of looting continues. While production for domestic consumption in drought-ravaged Mali has sunk from 60,000 tons in 1967 to 15,000 tons of food today, export crop production, notably high protein peanuts, have increased. Similarly, the Sahel country of Chad is receiving an \$8.5 million IDA credit in order to improve its road used for the export of cotton. In the meantime, the roads used for delivery of food to the starving nomads remain impassable.

In exactly the same way, the collapse of Tanzania farming and food production is a direct result of the "ujammization", the forced development of export oriented agricultural communes. In the wake of the chaos and exhaustion caused by this program, Tanzanian food production dropped by more than 80 per cent.

The barbaric dictatorship of the Brazilian junta was installed by Rockefeller's CIA to carry out the necessary reduction in domestic consumption necessary for export orientation, a prerequisite for the current investment now pouring into the Brazilian export sector. While disease rates have skyrocketed, medical expenditures have dropped by more than a third.

As the ICLC has previously documented (see Brief to the United States Congress on Rockefeller), the network of world credit is controlled by a handful of New York banks, all of which are coordinated with the Rockefellers' own Chase Manhattan, and by international credit agencies organized by the World Bank. The World Bank itself is wholly staffed at the top by Rockefeller agents like Robert McNamara.

#### **IV. The Withholding of Food.**

The starving countries have been denied the necessary food imports by the enormous increase in grain prices and by the denial of credit. Additionally, the necessary immediate famine relief essential to stop the massacre already precipitated by Rockefeller actions is being systematically withheld in an incredibly brutal game in which the governments of the starving countries are forced to beg for food they never get.

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\*John Hannah, acting as Deputy Secretary General of the World Food Conference, which was staffed by the Rockefellers with Rockefeller Foundation staff workers. Hannah admitted to IPS in a meeting of non-governmental organization in preparation for the food conference: "I have been involved in one way or another with the problems of poor people in the poor countries ever since President Truman in 1949 asked me to serve on International Development Advisory Board. Nelson Rockefeller, our Vice-President designate,

Since last year, the price of wheat and rice have more than doubled. This price increase is wholly a product of the intense speculation and massive hoarding carried out by a handful of major grain dealers led by Continental and Cargill. In 1973 alone, while government and farmers stocks of grain were being depleted, the amount of grain in the hands of private dealers in the United States rose by more than 100 per cent to 8 million tons, a process which is continuing.

Sitting on this enormous hoard, the grain companies are refusing even normal business credit to the "Fourth World". In July a ship owned by Continental sat for weeks in Bangladesh's Chittagong harbor. The wheat in its hold rotted and the Bengalis starved on the shore, because Continental would not allow one grain of wheat to be unloaded until every penny of the price had been paid in cash.

A similar withholding of grain by Australian corporations occurred earlier this year. In the Sahel, the International Development Agency has granted the pitiful sum of \$14 million to be divided among the six West Sahel nations for drought relief, a grant of less than 50 cents per capita! The amounts of food aid supplied are similarly miniscule, amounting to no more than a few hundred calories a day per capita in the affected areas.

#### **The World Food Conference Hoax**

The World Food conference and the charade carried out there around famine relief was organized by Rockefeller flunky Secretary of State Henry Kissinger precisely to cover up the real responsibility for the mass murder. For two weeks, Rockefeller agents John A. Hannah\* and A.H. Boerma, head of the FAO, pretended to solicit aid for the starving. The tremendous fraud behind this effort was the explicit assumption that no food reserves were available, and that any food relief must be taken out of the consumption of the advanced countries. Under this cover export restrictions such as the grain export ban imposed by Canada, which further strengthened Rockefeller grip on food supplies, were instituted. The CIA-controlled press played up mass murder of millions in the Subcontinent as an argument for reduced food consumption in the United States and Western Europe.

The United Nations' Food and Agricultural Organization's own statistics totally belie the claim that sufficient reserves do not exist. A least 105 million tons of grain are in stocks at this time, not counting the reserves of the Soviet Union and China. This is vastly more than the 11 million tons supposedly solicited at the World Food Conference and the approximately 30 million tons actually needed for relief.

The organizers of the World Food Conference hoax, the powers behind the grain firms, the men who control credit and fertilizer are all the same. Lester

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was the first chairman of the group charged with implementing the program that became known as Point 4 and later evolved into the U.S. International Development Program." At the Rome Conference itself the Rockefeller Family further ensured its stranglehold over world food supplies by the fact that the major United States proposals for a World Food Council international police apparatus were written by one Colin McClung, a Rockefeller Foundation staff member.

Brown, chief spokesman of the phony grain reserves scheme, heads the Rockefeller Foundation-funded Overseas Development Council. The large food firms are financed nearly 100 per cent by the major New York banks, controlled by the Rockefeller Family. The famines are no natural disaster. They are the planned implementation of the Rockefeller Family's depopulation and Zero Growth program. The Rockefellers and those who work with them and for them are guilty of mass murder — the extent of which far exceeds the crimes of Adolph Hitler.

#### **What Can Be Done**

The mass murder can and must be stopped. There is no objective barrier to stopping the immediate famine and preventing any recurrences. Only the plans of the Rockefeller faction stands in the way of immediate action. If we allow this to be a barrier, the more than 90 million now facing death will die within months. Next year's famines will be even more catastrophic.

The following program of action constitutes the immediate steps to be taken.

**1) The United States, Canada, Australia and other agricultural producer countries, utilizing a portion of the more than 90 million tons of grain now in reserve, must immediately send sufficient grain to India, Bangladesh, the African Sahel, Ethiopia, and Honduras to guarantee the satisfaction of minimal dietary requirements to the entire population of those areas.**

According to ICLC Intelligence estimates, based on government and other official sources, approximately 20 to 30 million tons of grain is required to prevent immediate mass starvation in the affected areas. Although this constitutes a substantial fraction of total reserves, its allocation would by no means exhaust these reserves. More importantly, this emergency allocation can be made without infringing on either domestic consumption in the producer countries or

export requirements of those same countries. In other words, contrary to official Rockefeller propaganda, the genocide can be halted on the spot without sacrificing the diets of the rest of the world's working class population.

**2) Appropriate measures must be taken now to guarantee the expansion of 1975 grain crops to necessary levels.**

a. Guarantee adequate supplies of fertilizer and fuel to farmers. At present there are approximately 10 million tons of idle capacity in the fertilizer industry. Its utilization, coupled with a relatively small investment of several billions of dollars in a "crash" program to expand fertilizer production capacity — taking advantage especially of the now-wasted resources of the aerospace-defense sector — could result in doubling fertilizer production before the 1976 plantings.

The manifest feasibility of such a "crash" effort can be demonstrated by reference to the example of similar such efforts during World War II.

The implementation of such a crash program will lead to an increase in food production world-wide by 500 to 700 million tons. This is sufficient to eliminate gross malnutrition in every country in the world.

b. Guarantee to all farmers low-interest credit sufficient to eliminate all financial restrictions on full capacity use of present agricultural technology and arable land. This should be financed by taking capitalists' speculative income, not working class income.

**3) Declare a moratorium on all farm and Third World debt.**

Eliminating Third World as well as farm debt, combined with the guarantee of low-interest credit, will allow the rapid reconstruction of the destroyed irrigation systems in, specifically, India, Bangladesh and the Sahel, in addition to the immediate reinvigoration of food production in the industrial sector.

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**Correction: On chart on page 2, "Starvation Deaths in India and Bangladesh from August to November 1974," the "total deaths" for "Indians on government rations" should read 1,500,000 rather than 15,000,000.**