

Based on extensive postwar psychological profiling of Italian society by Rockefeller think tanks, the television series locates the Italian workers' specific vulnerability in his domination by the Catholic "Mama." Honing in even on this last bastion of authority, the series makes "Mama" the prime butt of its crusade against "gluttony." Says the Post, "Mama is a frequent subject. She is held responsible for trying to make sure that there is enough for second helpings and even thirds, and for rewarding well behaved youngsters with rich cakes."

The television program is an insult to workers' intelligence rivalled only by Italian President Aldo Moro's proposal that Italians give up meat one day a week. Most Italian workers are lucky if they can afford to eat meat one day a month.

To top it off, the West German financial paper Handelsblatt reports that Italian pork producers plan to cut their output by 95 per cent in response to collapsing prices and a "glutted" world market.

ONTARIO NATIONAL FARMERS' UNION LEADERS PROTEST LAND TENURE POLICY

Dec. 7 (IPS)--The presidents of three Ontario locals of the Canadian National Farmers' Union (NFU) resigned from the farm organization during the NFU's annual conference in Winnipeg last week. The Ontario farm leaders were protesting the NFU's endorsement of a land tenure policy under which the government will buy up land and lease it back to farmers.

Such a policy, long advocated by Jane Abramson, an editor of the fascist Tavistock Institute's journal Human Relations, is already in effect in Saskatchewan province. The land tenure policy allows the culling of "less productive" farms and the mass recycling of farmers into slave labor industrial jobs. The remaining farmers will be put to work on large government-owned farms, administered by the corporativist Local Agricultural Manpower Boards (LAMBS) presently being set up throughout Canada with trade union participation.

Local farm leaders Leon Meersseman of Leamington, Hector Bastien of Essex and Lyle Dawson of Tilbury resigned in anger over the NFU convention's adoption of the new land tenure policy. Canadian newspaper reports indicate the conference was sharply split on the issue. The Toronto Globe and Mail stated, "Strong feelings were expressed on both sides before the policy was approved."

The NFU was formed in 1969 under the leadership of Roy Atkinson, with national headquarters in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Representing only about 100,000 of Canada's farmers, or about

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one in ten, the NFU is known as the most outspoken and militant farm organization. The NFU's present "cause" is to push a nationwide boycott of Kraft products--an impotent protest of multinational food corporations.

Ironically, Atkinson was once thrown in jail during a 1971 traffic-blocking protest on Prince Edward Island, where farmers were protesting a new government land assembly scheme. The farmers claimed that the program would reduce them to the level of feudal serfs in a government-controlled system.

MILITARY MOBILIZED FOR HARVEST IN EUROPEAN FLOODING

Dec. 7 (IPS)--Unusually heavy rains and flooding have destroyed much of the sugar beets, potatoes, and feedgrains crops in northern France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Britain. This catastrophe has provided the pretext for military mobilizations to "aid" the farmers in completing their harvest--an exercise in psychologically preparing the population for military rule.

The French daily Le Monde reported that French peasants are complaining that only 200 soldiers were sent, compared to 8,000 mobilized in Belgium and the Netherlands. Because of the flooding, the peasants' work is more labor-intensive; their machines cannot work in the mud. One peasant cites the soldiers' work approvingly: "We are digging up potatoes. We work crawling around on all fours....Soldiers have given me a helpful hand. I gave them food and 10 francs [\$2] a day on a hand-to-hand basis. Hard workers, considering they never tilled the land before."

According to the Rockefeller cabal script, next time the peasants will request military help rather than merely accept it. In Britain, already bordering on police-state rule, farm laborers are reportedly protesting their displacement by the military in harvesting sugar beets.

Crop Losses

In the northern departments in France, peasants have lost \$300 million in potato sales. Potato production will about equal the 1973 crop despite expanded cultivation. The corn crop will be only seven million tons, down from the previously expected 10 million tons. Forty per cent of the sugar beet crop has not yet been harvested. Even worse, the fall sowings have been delayed, all but eliminating spring crops.

The Belgium press reports even greater farmer losses. Only 30 to 40 per cent of crops have been harvested, and it is expected that up to one-third of the value of the total agricultural production has been lost. Losses of 2-4,000 Belgian francs per hectare are reported for potatoes and 5-10,000 Belgian francs per hectare for sugar beets.