

According to the 1970 study on agriculture overseen by Jane Abramson, editor of the Tavistock journal Human Relations, farmers are to be relocated onto giant slave-labor farms under government control or into industrial development zones.

FARM CREDIT SYSTEM IN TROUBLE

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 18 (IPS)--The latest victim of Rockefeller's agricultural credit squeeze is the largely farmer-owned Farm Credit Administration. The FCA--which accounts for 25 per cent of all farm lending and embraces the Federal Land Banks, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, Banks for Cooperatives, and Production Credit Associations--is the traditional source of funds for farmers when the private banks and dealers turn their backs.

Recent indications that the FCA might be experiencing financial difficulties were confirmed when the agency announced it would issue short-term discount notes early next year "to provide interim funds between bond sales"--an unprecedented move. An FCA public relations officer told IPS today that the agency will borrow \$23 billion on the bond markets in 1975, but that all except \$4.5 billion will go to meet payments on past bond issues falling due. Since the bond market is now gutted and only the top Rockefeller corporations are able to borrow without heavy costs, the FCA clearly will be unable to market its heavy debt.

As in the case of the bankrupt New York City government, Rockefeller's bankers have delivered their ultimatum to the floundering Farm Credit System--cut off credit to farmers now! In June, representatives of the Rockefeller-dominated Federal Reserve met with the FCA head and demanded that he reduce the agency's "inflationary" lending to farmers. Last month, the Springfield Bank for Coops, part of the Farm Credit System, refused to bail out the Dairylea Cooperative, forcing the coop to make an \$18 million assessment on its members which will bankrupt many Northeast dairy farmers.

NFO HEAD MOVES TO DESTROY HIS ORGANIZATION

Dec. 17 (IPS)--National Farmers Organization President and Rockefeller agent Oren Lee Staley has embarked on a step-by-step strategy designed to destroy his organization and set the farmers up for conflict with workers.

The strategy consists of two interrelated tactics. First, Staley has committed the NFO to a "Think Thirty" organizing drive aimed at giving the organization control of 30 per cent of the nation's food production. At that point, the NFO would begin

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major food withholding operations--operations that mainly hurt workers. This is just the tactic recommended to farmers' organizations by Rockefeller labor lieutenant Leonard Woodcock. Secondly, Staley is blocking organizing for a moratorium on all farm debt--illegally, since there was unanimous approval of a resolution calling for a debt moratorium by the delegates to the NFO's last national convention. In face of this open sabotage of debt moratorium organizing by the NFO leadership, the Labor Party will organize planning meetings in the immediate future with NFO members wherever possible.

Over the last several days, Labor Party organizers, NFO members, and Staley himself have reported the following details on this treacherous activity.

An unsuspecting Staley informed an IPS reporter today that the NFO's national leadership has ordered 450 meetings across the country of three to four county districts to get his organizing drive off the ground. Dubbed "Think Thirty" meetings, Staley hopes to get farmers to build the NFO into an organization strong enough to make "people take notice of their demands." To do this, Staley proposes, the NFO must withhold food. Staley told IPS that he has instructed his directors to help the meetings set up 30-man "Think Thirty" committees to conduct the organizing. Staley claims that this pledge to an "aggressive policy" will attract new members to the organization.

Though the "Think Thirty" program was rammed through the convention by the NFO leadership, many farmers have told Labor Party organizers that in their desperate financial situation a withholding action would be suicidal. Rather than build the NFO, they recognized the "Think Thirty" tactic will destroy it--even before the NFO could pull off a major food withholding confrontation.

NFO organizers in upstate New York have informed the Labor Party that Staley has circulated a memo on the national conference proceedings that outlines only the "Think Thirty" tactic and makes no mention whatsoever of the debt moratorium.

Staley clearly wants nothing to do with the debt moratorium. He told IPS today that the resolution passed at the conference was nothing new: "Every now and then we pass something like this; it doesn't mean very much." When pressed on whether the national leadership would organize for the moratorium, Staley, who originally made a name for himself as a pig withholder, refused to comment.

The reason behind Rockefeller's programmed suicide for the NFO is obvious. To the extent that Rockefeller can use the NFO to organize a war between angry workers and farmers over NFO food withholding, then the organization serves him as a useful tool. However, this advantage now must constantly be weighed against the present danger that Labor Party organizing among farmers and

workers can galvanize the necessary support for a programmatic unity among both groups in support of the debt moratorium, expanded food production, and the development of fusion power.

Despite the Staley leadership's claims to the contrary, farmers are tremendously receptive to the debt moratorium proposal. Many have told organizers that their major concern right now is to figure out some way to pay for equipment repairs, seed, and fertilizer to plant April's crops. With the credit being systematically denied them by the Rockefeller interests, they are both angry and desperate.

Staley also refused to comment on the "incompatibility policy" that the NFO directors have reportedly circulated in an attempt to stop members from working with the Labor Party. Off the record, however, he stated: "We wouldn't touch those people [the Labor Party] with a ten-foot pole!"