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UN CONSULTANT CALLS FOR EXPANDED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION
AT FARMERS UNION CONVENTION

March 18 (IPS)--At an official press conference at the National Farmers' Union (NFU) National Convention in Portland, Oregon, Oregon yesterday, Dr. Stoessinger, special consultant to the United Nations, identifies the initiatives for Mideast agricultural development launched by the pro-socialist government of Iraq as "a good trend." In response to an IPS reporter's question on the U.S. Labor Party's (USLP) proposals for agricultural development of the Ganges-Brahmaputra region of the Indian subcontinent, Dr. Stoessinger implied that this project was also necessary.

Dr. Stoessinger criticized the Rockefeller faction's stated policy of planned starvation in the underdeveloped sector as "immoral and inhumane." He insisted, "We have the supplies and technology to feed the world."

Dr. Stoessinger's remarks reflect the deep division over the USLP's World Reconstruction Program among conference participants. NFU President Tony Dechant had admitted earlier in the conference that his organization "has no food policy."

CHARLES HAYES OF AMALGAMATED MEATCUTTERS ENDORSES EAPA

March 18 (IPS)--Charles Hayes, International Vicepresident of the Amalgamated Meatcutters, Chicago District 12, endorsed the U.S. Labor Party's Emergency Agricultural Production Act today. Hayes is also a leading spokesman for Trade Union Action for Democracy (TUAD).

CONRAIL HEARINGS PUSH WPA-TYPE WORK PROGRAMS

March 18 (IPS)--U.S. Labor Party candidate for State Assembly Ken Mandel testified yesterday at Interstate Commerce Commission Hearings on the Federal Conrail Reorganization Plan in Trenton, N.J., presenting the 1975 Transportation Act sponsored by the U.S. Labor Party. The purpose of the ICC hearings, one of a nationwide series, is to push a work program like the WPA of the 1930s as an alternative to the current bankrupt, deteriorated state of the nation's railway system. These programs will hire unemployed workers at below union wages and be paid for by increased taxes on the working class.

BOSTON WORKERS HAIL USLP RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

BOSTON, March 21 (IPS)--Over 1500 municipal workers cheered wildly here today when U.S. Labor Party organizer Mike Newman outlined

the necessity for an orderly debt moratorium, the Iraqi proposals for international agricultural development, and the Emergency Agricultural Production Act. The municipal workers, members of the SEIU and AFSME unions were demonstrating before the Committee of Public Services of the Massachusetts State Legislature, in protest of the cancellation of their 11 per cent cost-of-living raises by Governor Dukakis.

UNION ENDORSES EAPA

March 21 (IPS)--In Greensboro, North Carolina, the Vice President of RWDSU Local 1052 (retail workers), Raymond Leagrande yesterday endorsed the U.S. Labor Party's Emergency Agricultural Production Act (EAPA).

John Pinion from A.O. Smith in Milwaukee and on the executive board of the AFL-CIO also endorsed EAPA and will send a telegram of support to the EAPA hearings in Chicago this Sunday March 23.

WOODCOCK AND FOWLER TESTIFY FOR SLAVE LABOR ENERGY BILL

March 21 (IPS)--United Auto Workers President Leonard Woodcock and former U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Henry Fowler of Goldman Sachs, Inc. have testified before the Senate Interior Committee chaired by Senator Henry Jackson (D.-Wash.), in favor of Jackson's bill to create a National Energy Production Board. Woodcock and Fowler called for the inclusion of labor and consumer representatives in the National Energy Production Board and "efforts to reduce private and increase public development of oil and gas resources on public land"--development of slave labor energy projects in the U.S.

HOUSE PASSES FOLEY BILL FOR DESTROYING AGRICULTURE

March 21 (IPS)--The "emergency" farm bill, fielded in the House of Representatives by Thomas Foley (D.-Wash.) to diffuse the growing sentiment behind the U.S. Labor Party's Emergency Agricultural Production Act, passed the House yesterday by a vote of 259 to 162.

LAROCHE/IVANS CAMPAIGN BREAKS PRESS BLACK-OUT

NEW YORK, March 22 (IPS)--Two days after Lyndon H. Laouche, U.S. Labor Party candidate for President, released his statement to Congress saying that he is prepared to present the Labor Party's solution to the current financial crisis, media around the country have broken the three week old black-out on the Labor Party campaign.

The black-out was broken in Chicago yesterday when WBBM, a CBS affiliate; which ran a 2 minute television spot on the campaign, while the Chicago Defender, a leading black newspaper ran a major article, with the headline "U.S. Labor Party Candidate Fights On International Program." The Defender article, by John Adkins,

describes Larouche as a "world renowned economist and veteran working class leader." It goes on to outline the Labor Party's Program for World Reconstruction.

LAROUCHE KICKS OFF PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN IN MID-ATLANTIC REGION

PHILADELPHIA, March 22 (IPS)--Approximately 200 people, including 85 workers from six states, gathered here yesterday to hear U.S. Labor Party presidential candidate Lyndon Larouche and Labor Party candidate for Mayor of Philadelphia, Don Taylor, campaign for the Labor Party's Emergency Reconstruction Program to reverse the worldwide capitalist collapse. After Taylor outlined the collapse of municipal services and the growing demand for debt moratoria, Larouche elaborated the multiple aspects of the Labor Party's International Emergency Reconstruction Program and emphasized the tremendous leverage which Iraq's related proposal for a \$35 Billion development fund gives to the drive to get that program implemented.

BOSTON CITY COUNCIL VOTES MONDAY ON EAPA

March 24 (IPS)--Boston City Council President, Gerald O'Leary, endorser of the U.S. Labor Party's Emergency Agricultural Production Act (EAPA), will introduce EAPA to the City Council on Monday for general endorsement. O'Leary has been organizing in the council for this proposal and the Labor Party expects it to pass, thus setting a precedent for other debt-ridden municipal governments nationally to act on the needs of their constituents.

LABOR LEADERS, COMMUNITY GROUP JOIN WORKERS IN REPELLING N.A.L.P. HARRASSMENT

NEW YORK, March 22 (IPS)--Two Ontario, Canada labor leaders and the head of the Greek Democratic Association in Toronto, have joined the list of labor and community leaders who have endorsed a resolution currently being circulated in the U.S. and Canada denouncing the FBI and Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) harassment against members of the North American Labor Party (NALP) in Canada. George Longley, head of the militant CO-OP, a cross-union caucus of area teamsters and member of Teamster Local #938 yesterday endorsed the resolution, as did Mr. Dunleary, of UAW Local 707 from the Ford plant at Oakville, Ontario.

In Vancouver, B.C., nine signatures were gathered on the anti-repression petitions, six of them from attenders at the International Woodworkers Association (IWA) conference there.

ROCKY PLANS PUSH FOR UNCONTROLLED FUSION POWER

March 22 (IPS)--IPS has learned that Rockefeller's American Association for the Advancement of Science publication, Science Magazine, and the Industrial Research Magazine plan to begin a propaganda barrage within a fortnight, calling for the utilization of hydrogen bombs for energy production. This insane proposal, appropriately duried for over a decade, was hatched by Robert Seamans, director

of the Energy Research and Development Administration (ERDA), the head of the Los Alamos laboratory, and R&D Associates, a think-tank for the Institute of Defense Analysis.

CONGRESS RESPONDS TO USLP PROPOSALS

March 22 (IPS)--The offer by USLP presidential candidate Lyndon H. Larouche to fully brief Congress on the steps necessary for getting the U.S. out of its financial crisis, as well as providing a solid basis for Mideast policy, has caught Congress in the chaos of the incompetence and failure of the Rockefeller-Ford administration's economic and foreign policies forcing them to listen attentively. Fully aware of the USLP penetration into their districts, as well as the growing acknowledgement of both the crisis and the USLP's competence, Congressmen have been forced to respond to USLP proposals.

Senators Mansfield and McGovern have requested details of the USLP's legislative programs. Representative Rangel, in a letter to USLP organizers reminding them that they had neglected to attend a scheduled meeting, demanded that another be scheduled.

CONGRESS PREPARES INCOMPETENT LEGISLATION

NEW YORK, March 22 (IPS)--Reflecting a state near panic at the collapse of the economy, Congress is now meeting in an extraordinary session yesterday which began at 8 AM and lasted till 2 AM this morning. The Senate moved toward final action on a \$30 million tax cut bill. The House, which earlier had passed a \$18 billion tax cut bill, met today in an unusual Saturday session to nominate the representatives who will meet with Senators in a Senate-House conference to work out the differences in the two bills.

Meanwhile, the Senate Agriculture Committee yesterday approved an Emergency Agricultural Price Support Bill one day after a similar measure was passed by the House. The bill was originally introduced by Rep. Thomas Foley (D-Oregon), chairman of the House Agricultural Committee, to counter growing support for the Labor Party's EAPA. The Senate bill increased the levels of price supports for cotton and milk over the House version, thereby making it even more certain that the Administration will veto the measure on the grounds that the price supports are too costly. Regardless, the bill provides insufficient credit to ensure that the spring planting will take place.

In addition, an "Emergency Homeowners Relief Act" was passed by a House Subcommittee yesterday providing loans of up to \$250 a month for two years for unemployed or underemployed homeowners. Another emergency housing measure was passed by the House yesterday which would subsidize mortgage interest rates. Republicans predicted that the Administration will veto the measure. House Speaker Carl Albert (D.-Okla.) announced Thursday that the Democrats would attempt to pass an emergency \$5 billion appropriations for public

works--this would be in addition to the additional \$6 billion public service employment program the House voted for last week. Administration opposition is expected on the jobs measures.

LABOR PARTY SUPPORTER HARASSED BY IMMIGRATION

NEW YORK, March 23 (IPS)--As part of an internationally coordinated campaign to put a halt to political working class organizing, Labor Party organizers in Detroit have reported a step up in harassment of workers in or supportive of the Labor Party. One week after an Iraqi from Detroit's Arab community attended a meeting sponsored by the Labor Party, he has been called "in review" by the Immigration Service on the initiative of Catholic Father Yasso, with a hearing slated for Monday, March 24 to "re-evaluate his status."

WORKERS MAP STRATEGY AT USLP E.A.P.A. HEARINGS IN NORTH CAROLINA

NEW YORK, March 23 (IPS)--Twenty-six workers and Labor Party organizers met in Robeson County, North Carolina yesterday to hold their own hearings on the destruction of agricultural and industrial production and the U.S. Labor Party's solution to that problem, as outlined in the Emergency Agricultural Production Act (EAPA).

After presentations by Stephanie Ezrol and Stan Ezrol, USLP candidate for Mayor of Charlotte, on the current international situation, discussion focused on how the USLP determines policy. This was directly followed by a strategy session, which targetted Congressman Rose from Robeson County to present the Labor Party legislation to Congress.

FIRST ROUND OF MIDWEST HEARINGS ON EMERGENCY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION ACT TO BEGIN

NEW YORK, March 23 (IPS)--Over 100 workers and organizers met today in Detroit and Chicago at open hearings to discuss implementation of the USLP Emergency Agricultural Production Act (EAPA).

The Chicago hearings, which were preceded last night with a forum on fusion power given by Dr. Robert Moon, was attended by upwards of 50 workers and organizers, representing four Labor Party cell formations. The Detroit Provisional Organizing Committee (POC), including Tom Simpson of Pontiac Workers, resolved to continue to hold such hearings while exposing frauds such as Congressmen Conyers and Sieberling (of Akron, Ohio) who criminally refuse to introduce EAPA into Congress.

In Detroit, Wayne Evans, USLP candidate for Vice President opened the hearing there with a presentation on ecological holocaust which must be stopped and reversed by the USLP legislative package.