

BRITISH CATTLE STARVE

Nov. 1 (IPS)--The British press reports that cattle already have starved to death in Great Britain--possibly the first reported animal starvation cases in an advanced country since the last Depression. Farmers are slaughtering their livestock at such heavy rates that slaughter-houses simply are refusing to accept any more. Calf slaughtering this fall has soared to five-to-six times the normal level. The immediate reason for the massive herd liquidation is that farmers cannot obtain adequate supplies of fodder even for a price. The farmers have been whipped up into vicious parochial protests leading them to tear at each others' throats. Welsh farmers are blockading ports to prevent the unloading of beef imports from Ireland!

NORTH AMERICAN PRESS PSYWAR SCAPEGOATS FARMERS

Oct. 31 (IPS)--Gore-filled, sensational press accounts of farmers' slaughter protests have been used to maximum psychological advantage by the capitalist press throughout North America. Although most farmers have abstained in horror from the food destruction, the press has effectively used the slaughterings to spread the fear of food shortages across the continent. Such press exaggerations convince workers to tighten their belts in anticipation of "inevitable" food scarcity, while farmers are offered up as the convenient scapegoat for Rockefeller's planned starvation.

The press blitz is further intended to encourage even more farmer "militant" insanity. Like the self-defeating United Auto Workers Apache strikes led by Trilateral Commission agent Leonard Woodcock and like the coal miners' scheduled Nov. 12 strike directed by CIA "psychiatrist" Eric Trist, the farmers' destruction of food is an integral part of the Rockefeller gameplan.

*On Oct. 31, the Quebec press reported on a three-mile procession of beef and dairy farmers in the Laurentian region, complete with placards, animal skulls, and a calf hung from a noose. Earlier 1,200 farmers in the Lac St. Jean area had slaughtered, burned, and buried 600 cows, calves, and pigs. Both demonstrations were led by the Union of Agricultural Producers (UPA). The UPA branch president reportedly told the farmers: "We've got our backs to the wall and we can slaughter 100 calves a day and hang them if that's what it takes La Presse, a major Montreal newspaper controlled by Paul Desmarais, director of the Rockefeller-linked Brascan company, immediately responded with a scare headline on the Lac St. Jean slaughterings: "Enough to Feed Alma" (a major regional town).

*NBC has given nation-wide advanced television publicity to a planned slaughter of 3,000 calves in Utica, New York. IPS is investigating who is behind the action.

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*So far, the only slaughter protests which actually took place in the U.S. are the two Wisconsin actions under the direction of the National Farmers' Organization (NFO). However, national press coverage has multiplied the psychological effects a hundred-fold. The Detroit Free Press helped to spread the hysteria this week. In an article written by David Klement, the Free Press reminded its readers that farmers have always killed off stock during "bad times." To run in the point that 1930s-style food destruction is inevitable--"farmers do what has to be done"--Klement recalls how killing three calves on his father's farm was just "part of growing up."

*Farmers should note carefully the Oct. 29 Wall Street Journal coverage of the NFO, which, unlike the average psywar articles in local newspapers, is an "inside" briefing to the financial community on how the NFO is being manipulated into playing the super fall-guy for Rockefeller. NFO president Oren Lee Staley mouthed his fantasie for the delight of the Journal's capitalist readership: "On some night in the future, we're going to hold simultaneous meetings of 2,000 farmers in each state in the union. And the next day the newspapers and the television people will say, '100,000 farmers met last night to set prices on the nation's farm products.' Now wouldn't that be something?"

In addition to giving a full psychological profile of Staley and his followers, the Journal outlines how the NFO actually is exacerbating the farmers' present financial plight--and helping Rockefeller's plans--by raising money from its supporters to the tune of \$9 million in less than one month. The drain-off is a result of a suit brought against the NFO by the Securities Exchange Commission for selling promissory notes to its members without informing the holders of its bankrupt condition. The NFO is now drumming this money up through fire-and-brimstone speeches directed at the government and the SEC.

BOSTON HERALD-AMERICAN SUPPORTS CRASH PROGRAM TO DEVELOP FUSION POWER

BOSTON, Nov. 2 (IPS)--In a major editorial the Boston Herald-American went on record supporting a crash program to develop thermonuclear fusion power. In "Breaking the Energy Barrier," the Boston daily did not credit the U.S. Labor Party, which has long advocated brute-force development of fusion reactors. Nevertheless, the editorial states the simple truth once only available to readers of New Solidarity an IPS--that fusion power is both feasible and urgently necessary. The Herald-American thus becomes the first bourgeois newspaper anywhere in the world which has dared to throw out Rockefeller's "critical choices" and, in effect, advocate human survival.

Until today, all capitalist media have fallen in behind the CIA conduit New York Times in the lying construction of a "controlled environment" of energy "alternatives" restricted to dangerous fission