

LABOR PARTY BREAKS ROCKY'S HOLD OVER NFO CONVENTION

MEMPHIS, Dec. 4 (IPS)--An international effort of workers and farmers is turning the National Farm Organization convention here into a defeat for Rockefeller. No matter what the eventual outcome of the proceedings, the lively briefings and debates initiated by a handful of Labor Party organizers with the more than 1000 assembled farmers representatives have upset the preparations of the Rockefeller-controlled NFO leadership to have the convention rubber stamp the Rockefeller's World Food Bank proposal.

In previous days, the organizers have briefed up to 50 convention delegates at a time in the lobby of a downtown hotel. Last night, eight farmers from different parts of the country joined the USLP cadre in a strategy session, based on their agreement with those discussions. Methods for placing the Labor Party's Emergency Food Bill on the convention floor were worked out, in the wake of the NFO "resolutions committee" refusal to allow its presentation. Of great importance, the group also worked out ways to expand the organizing into such farm regions as South Dakota.

By contrast, the NFO bureaucracy has entered the convention with a noose around its neck, which the Rockefellers' promise to tighten should the NFO fail to endorse that family's program for an international "food bank" to carry out controlled, mass starvation. The Securities Exchange Commission has conveniently charged the NFO leadership with manipulation of membership funds, opening the door to complete a Rockefeller takeover coordinated by agents of United Autoworkers (UAW) President and Trilateral criminal Leonard Woodcock.

At one point in the pre-conference debates, a pressured member of the NFO Board, Tom Conrade, intervened. "Your confusing the members," he charged. The assembled crowd of 100 farmers shut Conrade up, and the discussions proceeded.

The convention which begins today is already the focus of international attention through Labor Party organizing efforts. The efforts of workers and farmers on both sides of the Atlantic have produced a flood of telegrams to the delegates in support of the Emergency Food Bill from all parts of the U.S., Canada, Italy, and Germany. The Bill itself, which calls for massive expansion of food production, cancellation of farm debt, and emergency relief to the Rockefeller-starved Far East and Africa, is being introduced to the Oregon State legislature by representative Wally Priestly. At the same time, Sydney Von Luthor, a State Senator in New York, has telegraphed Memphis calling on the NFO to endorse the bill. United Nations representatives from Africa and the Far East are circulating copies of the legislation and watching the convention closely.