

are living in converted buses and tents because they can afford nothing else. The company says it will provide adequate prefabricated and mobile housing...in two years. Meanwhile, trailers perch on the edge of the town dump and on sites carved out of a gravel pit--but these can be afforded only by government employees on \$10,000-a-year salaries.

Press Hails Hoovervilles

The New York Times this week carried an approving article on the emergence of a new "interest group"--mobile home tenants. While acknowledging the near total social and political control exercised over tenants by mobile home park owners, the Times gives the nod to the "movement to humanize" the trailer sites, which are described as "good places to raise children."

In line with creating the new interest group, a New York state "Mobile Home Bill of Rights" took effect Jan. 1, 1974, limiting evictions and arbitrary rules by park owners. The issue currently being fought out is rent control.

Also this week the San Francisco press covered a new study commissioned by HUD, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Council on Environmental Quality. The study, entitled "The Cost of Urban Sprawl," details how single-family suburban homes are more air- and water-polluting, energy-consuming, and costly for the government than any other form of housing--pointing the way toward the depression "alternative" of shantytowns.

STRANGE BUT TRUE...

Dec. 11 (IPS)--The death yesterday of Algerian Interior Minister Ahmed Medeghri, following a parley with French Interior Minister Michel Poniatowski, caps a series of deaths and illnesses among Arab celebrities. In a highly unlikely string of coincidental deaths in an area where Western intelligence services are often known to work overtime, at least five Arab personalities have met untimely ends.

Beginning with the Oct. 20 death of pro-socialist Iraqi Foreign Minister Shazel Taka, who died at the Rabat Hilton Hotel just before the opening of a crucial Arab summit meeting, this series of deaths included the following people:

*Anwar Ali, governor of the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, who served Rockefeller as overseer of the recycling and investment of billions of Saudi petrodollars.

*Omar Saqqaf, the Saudi Foreign Minister, who died in New York at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, and who together with Ali formed a critical (but apparently expendable) team of Arabian rulers.

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*The wife of Iraqi President Bakr. According to the New York Times, Bakr himself was unable to attend his wife's funeral because he was stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage and was near death. The ghouls at the Times gleefully portrayed the possible death of Bakr as having a "destabilizing" effect on the solidly pro-socialist regime in Iraq.

*Ahmed Medeghri, the Algerian Minister of the Interior, mentioned above.

CANADIAN OIL CUTS TO U.S. ORDERED BY IEA

Dec. 11 (IPS)--The energy consultant at the Canadian Embassy in Washington confirmed to IPS reporters that the recent Canadian oil cutbacks to the U.S. were in fact Canadian implementation of the International Energy Agency's (IEA) program of energy austerity and allocation. "That line of reasoning makes sense," the Canadian consultant stated. "Now we have the flexibility for conservation with the extra capacity we have due to U.S. export cuts and our own conservation consumption cuts."

The Toronto Globe and Mail revealed the same thing in an article Dec. 7. The newspaper admitted that the Canadian Parliament has yet to formally approve the IEA. Wayne Cheveldayoff author of the article, told IPS, "When we become a net importer, these cutbacks will give us the reserves we need under the IEA agreement. But these graduated cutbacks will make us a net importer next year." Thus, Canada will help provide the excuse for energy conservation and will give Canada the reserves for IEA allocation programs.

The Canadian Embassy spokesman also said that the Canadian government's decision to buy into the Athabasca Tar Sands this week, and the draft legislation for a National Petroleum Company will help implement Rockefeller's energy austerity policy. Agreeing that these moves will be in line with the IEA, he boasted, "This is a good example of western governments becoming involved in reserves."

PRESS, BANKERS GEEK OUT OVER NFO MORATORIUM RESOLUTION

Dec. 11 (IPS)--The nation's news media has completely geeked out over the farm debt resolution passed at the National Farmers Organization convention last week. The motion has met with a complete press blackout except for the Milwaukee Journal which, while not mentioning the debt moratorium by name, responded to the resolution with a red-baiting attack on the "revolutionary" NFO, in an attempt to create public hysteria around a nascent farmer-worker alliance based on the moratorium demand.

In an article entitled "Farmland, A Fertile Bed For Seeds