

*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

of Revolution," the Journal links the NFO solely with its discredited calf-slaughtering and food-withholding practices directed by its Rockefeller-agent President Oren Lee Staley. The article charges that the NFO has a history of instilling violence in "the bones of the people which results in such tragedies as the calf slaughter." It then concludes with a warning about historical peasant uprisings "which provide the seeds of revolution."

Bankers briefed by IPS on the debt moratorium similarly exhibited open paranoia. A spokesman for the American Banking Association said, "I don't see how it's possible. You can't have a total moratorium... It's incredible... You couldn't have the banks losing money like that." Chase Manhattan's Agricultural Division, on the other hand, just played dumb--pretending not to understand what a farm debt moratorium was!

The government-backed Farmers Home Administration, which recently cut off disaster loans to New York State farmers, could only say: "That resolution would put us out of business. Seems kind of a wild thing--it would never get past first base."

GERMAN CIA TERRORISTS THREATEN TO BOMB ELC

Dec. 11 (IPS)--Today at 9:45 a.m. (West German time), the international office of the European Labor Committees in Wiesbaden, West Germany received a threatening phone call from the Baader-Meinhof terrorist gang, the so-called Red Army Fraction.

The caller said: "This is the Red Army Fraction. We know that you are a CIA organization; therefore we are going to blow you up."

This threat is the latest instance in a series of attacks against the International Caucus of Labor Committees in Europe and the United States being carried out by CIA-controlled counter-gangs of both the left and right. The whole gamut of CIA zombie formations is being activated in a futile attempt to slow down the Labor Committees' rapidly expanding influence. On Dec. 4 the life of a leading member of the Latin American Labor Committees was threatened in a phone call from the AAA, the Argentine Anti-Communist Alliance, which is notorious for its assassinations of numerous Latin American leftists. In addition, slanderous attacks on the Labor Committees have recently appeared in the gutter left press in Italy and elsewhere, charging that the Labor Committees are CIA.

The Baader-Meinhof group bears all the trademarks of a CIA terrorist outfit. Mouthing revolutionary-sounding inanities, the RAF has claimed responsibility for a series of crimes. Leading members of the terrorist group now in prison have been sub-