

## The Bloody Trail

Triage has evolved from a reserve policy option to an active policy within the last few years. First introduced as a solution to the food crisis in 1967 by William Paddock (see Jan. 8 article), triage was publicly scorned by Rockefeller Foundation spokesmen and others as "medieval" and "illogical."

Sometime in the past two years, George Szeigo, an operative for the Pentagon think-tank, the Institute for Defense Analysis (IDA), confidentially briefed IDA staff members on the policy planning requirements for mass-scale implementation of triage. The briefing--preparatory to the shift to triage as active policy--focused on the insane question: given developing shortages of food, energy, and other supplies, where the death of a substantial portion of the population is unavoidable, who will die? Given these unfortunate shortages, which sociological and regional layers--in the United States as well as internationally--will be deliberately condemned to death due to deprivation of food, medical supplies, and employment, and what are the political-military implications of this decision?

Triage first received Congressional interest in 1974. John Dingell (D.-Mich.), chairman of the House Subcommittee on Fisheries and Wildlife, Conservation and the Environment, held hearings on energy, the environment, food, population, and land. "Experts" called on to appear included Lester Brown of the genocidal Overseas Development Council; Russel Peterson of Rockefeller's Commission on Critical Choices; Dennis Meadows, co-author of the zero-growth bible, Limits to Growth; and Steve Salyer, John D. Rockefeller III's personal spokesman.

In the final session Garrett Hardin, psychotic-in-residence at the University of California at Santa Barbara, proposed "triage" as the "hard, logical" reality. Witnesses, Dingell and Subcommittee counsel Frank Potter were in complete agreement: millions must die. As Hardin put it in the October Psychology Today: the human race is a cancer--and you don't feed a cancer.

### EUROPEAN FINANCE MINISTERS FUMBLE; DOLLAR AT ALL-TIME LOW

Jan. 7 (IPS)--European finance ministers failed today at their London meeting to come up with the stopgap measures needed to prevent a general international monetary breakdown within weeks. Despite rumors of a U.S.-European emergency compromise during the past two weeks, all that the befuddled ministers could put together was a proposed new IMF account to handle \$6 to \$12 billion, compared to an annual petrodollar flow of more than \$100 billion--which will be functional by April at the earliest, according to British Chancellor of the Exchequer Denis Healey.

The catastrophic results of this fumbling by the nearly psychotic European bourgeoisie is shown in the continuing collapse of the dollar today, despite heavy central bank support operations for the U.S. currency. The dollar today reached an all-time low in Switzerland and an 18-month low against the West German mark, with the short-term threat of a collapse of international banking and world trade.

Calling the dollar "waste paper," Italian central bank chief Guido Carli set the tone for today's non-meeting by attacking out-of-hand the standing U.S. proposal, from Simon and Kissinger, for a \$25 billion "safety net" for the industrialized countries. Carli claimed that the U.S. gimmick would take too long to set up, while Italy and other deficit countries need funds immediately; a high Italian monetary official stated today that Italy is financing its \$10 billion a year balance of payments deficit with month-to-month borrowings, and could go bankrupt if the flow of credit is cut off.

From the United States side, it was learned today that a touted U.S. compromise plan designed to achieve a quick accord with the Europeans has not even been circulated through the International Monetary Fund, the main forum for such discussions.

#### No Political Will

Interviewed today, a leading Trilateral Commission spokesman offered the following analysis: "The governments could come together on the Kissinger proposal in a couple of weeks--it doesn't take long to make a decision if the political will is there. Actions by private banks or by the Bank for International Settlements would have less chance to make an effect on the situation. But, frankly, the will isn't there."

The problem driving the Europeans and the U.S. Treasury up the wall is the same identified by Robert Roosa, leading Trilateral banker, two weeks ago: the Europeans are afraid of creating a "fixed group of oil-consuming countries" under Kissinger's thumb, for fear of providing a barn-sized target for the Soviets and the European Communist Parties.

Thus, the hysterical demands of the New York Times, for an emergency effort by the United States and West Germany to set matters straight, is just not coming off. Said an IMF official: "It will be a long time before any one of us gets a good night's sleep."

#### WEST GERMAN RULING PARTIES CRUMBLE AS CRISIS MOUNTS

WIESBADEN, West Germany, Jan. 7 (IPS)--The entire structure of post-war West German political life is rapidly crumbling in the face of imminent mass layoffs in the key auto industry and confusion