

at rush hour and injured three people.

- The same day, three conservative pro-Israeli newspapers were bombed in Paris; the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine took credit.

- In Canada, the terrorism is aimed directly at wrecking the labor movement. In Montreal, there was a bombing against the home of a worker, one of many strikers against United Aircraft who had gone back to work August 7. The head of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers was charged with mischief after an attempted bomb scare at Toronto International Airport.

- In Vienna a terrorist group exploded a Molotov cocktail on the Belgrade-Hamburg express, injuring passengers.

- Amidst further threats, a series of terrifying railroad accidents with obscure causes has occurred in France, Germany, and Italy.

- In Northern Ireland, the internment system is being "reformed" with the admission that it turns lukewarm militants into raving terrorists. The solution: British Secretary of State for Northern Ireland Merlyn Rees' plan for community absorption of these terrorists — turning them loose against the population.

## Epidemic Sweeps Brazil

AUGUST 9 (IPS) — Following weeks of complete indifference to the plight of hundreds of dying children, Brazilian authorities suddenly came to life this week in an attempt to circumscribe the epidemic meningitis cases which threaten to spread like wildfire all over Latin America.

In a horrified commentary, *Le Monde's* correspondent Charles Vanhecke reported August 5 that Brazilian health officials would not use the 500,000 doses of A-type vaccine made available to them by a French laboratory until...September, thus giving the deadly disease ample time to wipe out the "undesirable" immiserated layers of the population in the Sao Paulo region. The reason for the delay given by the officials was that it would be preferable to wait for U. S. shipments of C-type vaccine, scheduled for next fall, before proceeding with the immunization.

The next day, however, Vanhecke reported in *Le Monde* that the Brazilian government has decided to reverse its policy and immediately implement an emergency vaccination plan. This unexpected change of

heart was prompted by bleak news from the states of Parana and Rio-Grande-Do-Sul, where numerous meningitis-attributed deaths have been reported over the last week.

Both Parana and Rio-Grande-Do-Sul are rich agricultural areas, with a relatively skilled population, which enjoy a higher standard of living than the rest of Brazil's labor force. If these layers were decimated by the new plague, Rockefeller would not be in a position to ensure the production of the meager food supplies and minimal services required by the labor-intensive Rio de la Plata development project further south.

As for the residents of the *favelas* around Sao Paulo, they have already been discarded and thrown on the scrap-heap. "Who dies of meningitis?" asks a fatalistic doctor. "Well, the children from the *favelas*. They have been dying of verminosis, diarrhea, malnutrition. And they'll continue to die. At bottom, the name you give to their disease is unimportant." We know which name to give to the "health" policy of Rockefeller and his Brazilian flunkies: genocide.