

Also included in the package of economic "reforms" was a lowering of taxes on most wage earners.

At Deputy Prime Minister Cairns' "informal" meetings with leaders from top Rockefeller corporations here two weeks ago, he assured them that the ruling Labor Party's "anti-imperialist" cover should not be a deterrent to investment in Australia's huge mineral deposits. Since then, the Rockefeller forces have moved to consolidate Australia as a social-fascist "paradise" of slave-labor mining and development projects.

In announcing the reduction in taxes as a means to protect workers' standard of living, Prime Minister Whitlam called for the implementation of wage indexation, the fascist incomes policy which reduced the standard of living of the Brazilian working class by more than 40 per cent.

STARVATION PSYWAR HITS WEST GERMANY

Nov. 18 (IPS)--Last week's issue of Der Spiegel magazine, founded by British psychological warfare experts in 1946, is devoted to the theme of starvation. This dramatic escalation in psychological warfare against the West German population was occasioned by the death by "voluntary" starvation of an imprisoned member of the Baader-Meinhof terrorist gang and the subsequent "revenge" murder of the High Judge of West Berlin.

Spiegel coverage of this Symbionese Liberation Army-style series of events concentrated on a detailed description of the slow death by starvation of Baader-Meinhof member Holger Meins. Included was an interview with a doctor who allegedly was assigned to force-feed Meins against his will. This feature was followed by an in-depth description of the starvation crisis which has hit the 80 million inhabitants of Bangladesh, leading off with an account of the only documented case of cannibalism on the Indian subcontinent, a mother who roasted and ate her own child.

Both articles were accompanied by photos of human beings in various phases of death by starvation.

The issue was an obvious effort to play upon the deeply ingrained recollections of the German population of the years 1946-48, when tens of thousands of Germans living under Allied occupation died as victims of the first post-war food and coal shortage hoaxes. While most German workers have spent the last 20 years trying to forget what happened after the war, Der Spiegel is telling them: the time to starve has now returned.

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