

*Examination Copy***A NEWSLETTER OF TOOLS FOR STUDY AND ACTION**

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PACKETS**World Hunger**

Prepared by the Center for the Study of Power and Peace in conjunction with Joint Educational Development and the Center for Social Action of the United Church of Christ, this packet will be distributed by the United Church Press for \$15.00. Separate components will also be available from the CSPP.

Components include: eight background papers on various aspects of the issue; an action guide; and a 20-minute film strip with cassette narrated by Senator Mark Hatfield and featuring an interview with Senator Dick Clark.

The completed packet including the film strip will be previewed by the NCC Hunger Task Force in New York on June 19. Orders are being accepted now at CSPP, 110 Maryland Ave., N.E., Wash. D.C. 20002. (202) 543-2260.

Hunger On Spaceship Earth

This packet, prepared last spring by the New York office of the American Friends Service Committee in collaboration with the New Jersey Council of Churches, is being reissued in a slightly enlarged version (more background material) for \$2.50.

Components feature a hunger meal simulation experience; a questionnaire to inventory how much a group already knows and to point up misconceptions about the problem; materials for theological discussion; alternate diet suggestions; and some background information.

Its strength lies in use as an introduction to the issue and in arousing involvement. Augment the packet with the AFSC slide show by the same title, rental \$5.00. Best to allow three hours for full use of these materials, two hours if the simulation meal is omitted (but this may be the most powerfully motivating component!). Order the packet and the slide show from AFSC, 15 Rutherford Place, New York, N.Y. 10003. (212) 777-4600.

NEWSLETTERS**FCNL**

The Friends Committee on National Legislation has recently issued two legislative memorandums on food issues and also featured food legislation in its April newsletter (one copy free on request).

The memorandum numbered G-10/1975, "U.S. Role In The World Food Crisis", is the most complete survey of needed goals and current legislation before Congress yet available. Price: 25¢, 8 pages.

Memorandum G-12/1975, "Toward The Relief Of Domestic Hunger", 10¢, 2 pages.

Both can be ordered from FCNL, 247 Second Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002. (202) 547-4343.

IMPACT The first of a special series of resource papers on the food issue, "IMPACT/Hunger" No.1, May, 1975, is now available. Written by the Washington Inter-religious Staff Council (WISC) Task Force on U.S. Food Policy under the chairmanship of George Chauncey, it discusses four aspects of U.S. food policy: 1) food aid, specifically PL480; 2) economic aid for foreign nations; 3) domestic food assistance programs; and 4) domestic agricultural policy.

Augmenting this is the "Selected Listing of Food Legislation Before the 94th Congress", Note #1, May, 1975. Those WISC considers to be the key bills to watch are described under the four categories of U.S. food policy stated above and their current status in the legislative process at the time of writing is given. This latter feature is helpful and is not given in the FCNL legislative memoranda. On the other hand, the FCNL listing of bills affecting the health of family farms (as opposed to agribusiness dominance of American agriculture) are omitted from the WISC consideration.

Both IMPACT reports will be received by subscribers automatically. Others may send for them (30¢ each if single copies; 25¢ for ten or more) to IMPACT, 110 Maryland Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002. (202) 544-8666.

LOCAL ACTION GUIDES

food rights handbook

and

hey, summer food fans...

These two guides have been prepared by The Children's Foundation, 1028 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. (202) 296-4451. The handbook (50¢) describes all the basic federal food assistance programs under four groupings: 1) children; 2) women and children; 3) families; and 4) senior citizens. Natur-

ally, current legislation will modify some of these programs, but the basic information in the handbook remains sound. Concise, clear, easy to use. The section on family programs (food stamps) should be augmented by the FRAC Guide to the Food Stamp Program (50¢, Food Research and Action Center, 25 West 43rd St., NYC, NY 10036. 212-354-7866.).

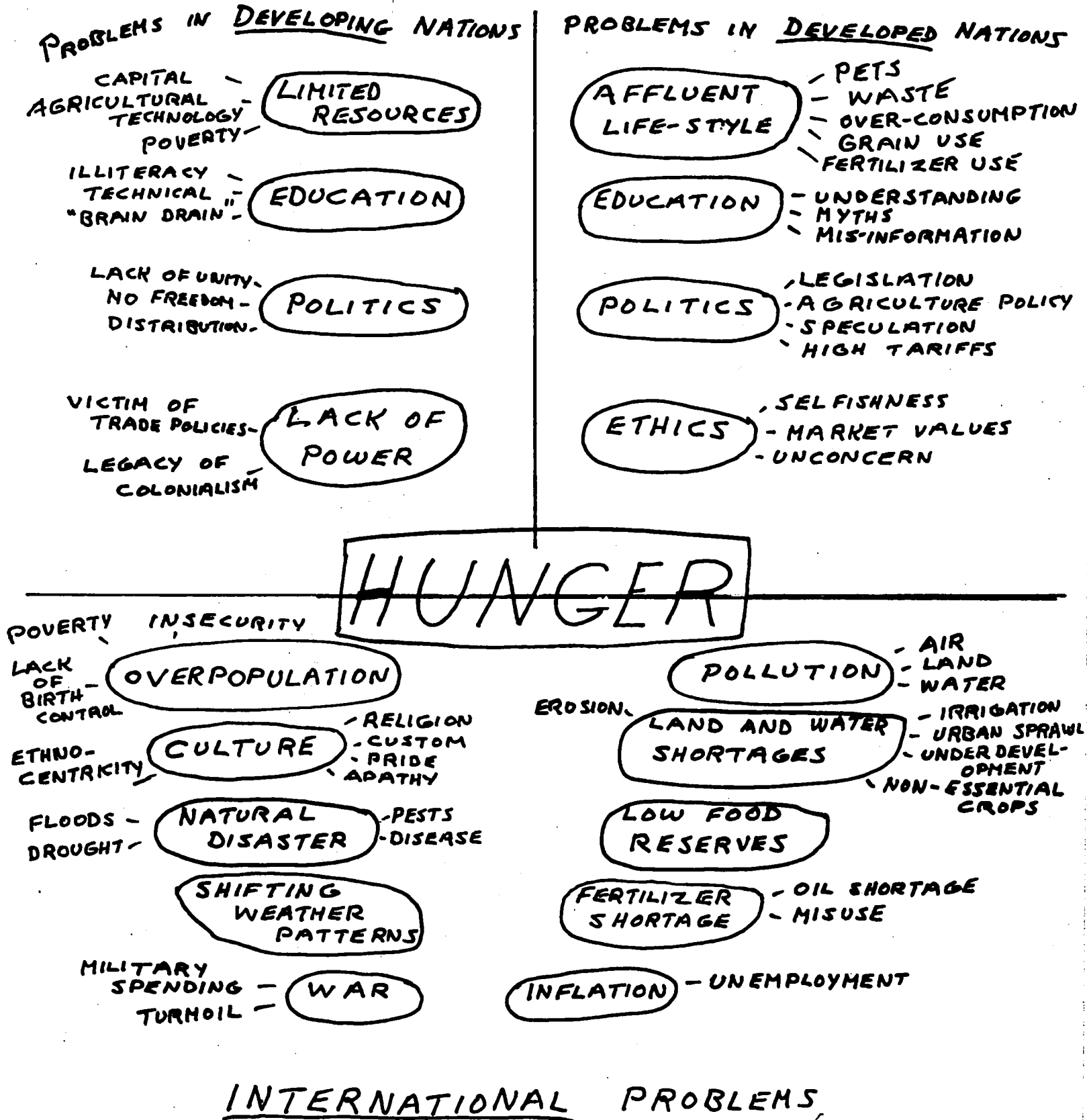
The summer food guide deserves special attention. When schools close for vacation, where do poor kids find a substitute for their free school lunches or breakfasts, sometimes the only guaranteed meal they have at the end of the month when the welfare money runs out? The answer may be "Nowhere", unless local organizations operate summer feeding programs to fill the gap. Federal assistance to cover full costs is available. Find out how to do it.

AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS

World Hunger, a 20-minute film strip with cassette, part of the packet prepared by the Center for the Study of Power and Peace (above).

Hunger On Spaceship Earth, a 20-minute slide show with script, can be rented from the AFSC in New York. \$5.00. (See "Packets" above.)

Chart of the Many Facets of Hunger, diagram by Arlen Etling to appear in "A Resource Guide For Hunger Education", prepared for the National Council of Churches' Task Force on World Hunger. The full guide is in the final stages of preparation and will be reviewed here when it is ready. Meanwhile, although everyone can design their own chart, why not use this excellent overview?



BOOKS

Poverty In American Democracy

Campaign for Human Development, U.S.. Catholic Conference, 1312 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005. (November 1974) \$1.50.

"Basic characteristics of a political economy result from the economic and cultural values of that society. It is necessary, therefore, to look at certain economic and cultural values which have impeded successful common social efforts to eliminate poverty in our country." (p.66)

With those words, following ten carefully supported illustrations or typical kinds of poverty and powerlessness in America, the (unidentified) authors give the intent of their compelling, challenging, and well-documented look at our current political economy. This sequel to Poverty Profile (1972) probes more deeply than before into the causes of poverty here, both structural and social or philosophical. It also takes seriously the displaced anger of the lower middle classes, attempting both to clarify their misperceptions of poverty programs and to show understanding for the conditions which generate their anger. The book itself may anger readers who are inclined to hold the values and practises behind corporate business success in high regard, for the corporate structure of the United States and the federal policies which favor it come in for penetrating and outspoken criticism. The presentation is non-inflammatory, however, drawing largely upon government sources and other non-controversial agencies for its information, and letting cases, facts, and figures tell the main story. One senses in the authors more sadness than anger, and a strong conviction that we can do better. All in all, a powerful and deeply moving study, an invaluable tool for any serious study group dealing with domestic hunger. On top of everything else, it's highly readable and eminently quotable..

Food For People, Not For Profit

Edited by Catherine Lerza and Michael Jacobson, with a preface by Ralph Nader.. Ballantine (Random House), (April 1975), \$1.95.

The book's subtitle, "A Sourcebook on the Food Crisis", describes it best.. A sourcebook it is, an anthology of articles, chapters from books, newspaper stories, and an occasional original piece by the editors, who direct the Center for Science in the Public Interest (sponsor of Food Day). The collection is divided into six parts: I. Food Production; II. The Costs of Food; III. Nutrition; IV. World Food; V. Food and the Poor; and VI. The Government and the Food Industry: Who Regulates Whom? It used to be By Bread Alone which was the book to read on the food crisis; now it surely must be this one. Excerpts from Lester Brown are here, also Frances Moore Lappe's fine article in last February's Harper's ("The Banality of Hunger"), and many, many more, well-chosen both for their information and their readability. No matter how well informed on the food issues you are, this collection will add to your knowledge and understandings. The editors' bias on behalf of consumers and a truly competitive (ie., non-monolithic, monopolistic) farm production is obvious, as the association of Ralph Nader's name might suggest. The bias is also on behalf of good food raised by people who love to raise food, the world around. An appendix provides valuable suggestions for food action, further reading, films, helpful organizations, and other addenda. One very good feature is the editors' identification of each author. Another is the "Citizens' Food Policy" at the end, which could be the basis of a coherent food action program to recommend to Congress and the President..