MIGRANT LABOR SCENE TRAGIC

By Stephen Landrigan

It's cold in Sodus tonight. The hawk rips in from Lake Ontario tearing into everything he passes. Houses, barns, trees; everything. He becomes especially vicious when he sweeps through the apple groves and lays into the migrants' shanties. The big gaps under their doors, the wide cracks in their walls and the broken panes in their windows become the special targets of his icy claws.

Ella Mae hates this time of year. She is from Haines City, Florida, and is wishing she were back there. When Thanksgiving she will come. Ella Mae can still see her brother, Lee. Ella Mae's brother, has a fish market in New York City. Last year about 20-cents for every bushel he gives at lunch and the plate of cherries was the migrant laborers will return to fill that need. It is a way of life, and not even the hawk in his fiercest moments can uproot it.

Some folks are trying to make a buck out of the water. No heat and electricity for the migrants. Over a six-day week he can make over $200. The walls have been tacked with corrugated cardboard paint the walls gray. Except for the door and two tiny windows, they are unbroken. The only bright spot in the migrant's life is shivering.

Inside, Franklin is fussing. The water barrel is empty and now he must go a half mile to the pump to get more. So he puts on the coat he had in the orchard and starts taking the wadding out of the door. He, too, is looking for Thanksgiving. This has been a bad year for Franklin. He wasn't able to come out on the season: he had a construction job offered him at Walt Disney World. But when his wife had their baby in May he decided he could probably make more over the summer by coming north. He had planned to work the cherries, pears and peaches, but when he got here he discovered that Hurricane Agnes pretty well took care of that. What few cherries survived the storm were picked in a few days. Then Franklin had to sit down for close to a month and wait for the apples.

Picking apples. Franklin makes about 30 cents for every bundle he sells in. On a good day, starting at 7 a.m. working right on until dark, he can fill 12 to 15 bushels. He is paid about 14 cents a bushel. He gross $23.

Of course 10% of that can easily be lost to a variety of "deductions." The cost of the hard grits he gets served in the mornings, the two banana sandwiches he is given at lunch and the plate of beans that waits for him in the evening all comes out of his salary along with whatever credit he owes at the camp store (where he must make sure he is paid).

Then, too, the crew boss usually manages to get a cut. One week it may be for a "finder's fee," he charges the migrants for contraband in Florida. Or the next week he may say they owe him for transportation. "You won't see me here again," declares Franklin. "This man can pick his apples by himself." He admits he said the same thing last year, and maybe even the year before. "But this time I mean it."

Whether or not Franklin comes back, others will. This year over 2000 seasonal farm workers have migrated to Wayne County alone. Despite the inroads made by mechanized apple pickers, the labor shortage for migrant labor continues. Despite increased employment opportunities in Florida, most migrant laborers will return to fill that need. It is a way of life, and not even the hawk in his fiercest moments can uproot it.

Some folks are trying to make things better. Rev. Ever Simmons, himself a former migrant and now a Baptist minister in Lewis, has for the past three years directed a group called CASHE—Community Action for Self-help Housing. By extricating the wadding out of the door. He. has straddled an old rake handle that clutches a naked lightbulb and a bottled-gas stove. A mouse-infested grainary. There is no heat and electricity for the migrants. Over a six-day week he can make over $200. so he puts on the coat he had in the orchard and starts taking the wadding out of the door. He, too, is looking for Thanksgiving. This has been a bad year for Franklin. He wasn't able to come out on the season: he had a construction job offered him at Walt Disney World. But when his wife had their baby in May he decided he could probably make more over the summer by coming north. He had planned to work the cherries, pears and peaches, but when he got here he discovered that Hurricane Agnes pretty well took care of that. What few cherries survived the storm were picked in a few days. Then Franklin had to sit down for close to a month and wait for the apples.

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GENESEE REGION HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL

In a statement released today (October 20), the Environmental Health Planning Committee of the Genesee Region Health Planning Council urges support of the Environmental Quality Bond Act of 1972, Proposition 1 on the November 7th ballot.

The act would provide $1.15 billion to help meet New York State's most critical needs for pure water, clean air, land preservation, solid waste disposal, and other environmental projects. $81,950,000 would be set aside for 12 Central Western Counties.


Of that amount, over $84 million would be used to build new sewage treatment facilities in six local counties. The breakdown is as follows—Chemung County: $1,183,000; Livingston County: Dansville and Nunda: $3,844,000; Monroe County: Greece, Webster, Brockport and Rochester, $38,056,000.

Also Ontario County: Farmington, Geneva, Manchester-Stewartville, $4,600,000; Steuben County: Wayland, $996,000; Wayne County: Marion, Ontario, Williamson, Savannah, Sudan Point $1,477,500.

As at yet unspecified share of the funds would go to abate local air pollution from the smoke stacks of municipal buildings, such as hospitals, schools, and government owned facilities. According to the Environmental Health Planning Committee, the $150 million that the Bond Act would make available statewide would assure counties of meeting basic state and Federal air pollution standards by 1975.

Local communities would also be eligible to receive a share of the $175 million the Act would allocate to recycling and handling solid waste, one of the region's critical environmental health problems, according to the Environmental Health Planning Committee.

The monies provided would encourage recycling and reuse of solid waste. Local recycling and refuse projects would be eligible for 50% funding. Areas where recycling is not feasible at present would be able to apply for 25% state funding for modern solid waste disposal equipment.

Another $175 million would help the state and municipalities preserve what the State Department of Environmental Conservation terms "priceless land resources," including $10 million to acquire key tracts of wilderness in the Adirondack and Catskill Parks. $27 million to acquire wetlands; $68 million to acquire land for city parks, and $3 million to preserve natural areas, acquire access rights for fishermen on privately-owned streams and improve access to state lands for hunting, fishing, camping, and hiking.

According to Paul Morrow, Ph.D., chairman of the Environmental Health Planning Committee, "The Environmental Quality Act will help meet some of our most critical environmental needs. It is not a final cure to all our problems. But it is a step we are going to have to take if we want this part of the county to be livable in the future."

The council has made available to the public a list of the state and local sewage treatment facilities that would benefit from the act.

Gene Rae, director of the Genesee Region Health Planning Council said: "We urge all citizens to vote yes on Proposition 1, for the Environmental Quality Bond Act of 1972."
Congressman Frank Horton is fighting for an end to the draft, pollution, and drug addiction. His efforts to reform our penal system, provide transportation, housing, and better education have marked his battle to bring the policies of this nation into line with its needs.

Frank Horton is working for the return to Congress of its powers over war and peace, control over Federal expenditures, and for a free flow of information from the government to the people without unneeded secrecy.

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"Today's Rochester" will also contain a segment of feature material including editorials and "think-pieces" by WHCH TV's Managing News Editor, Howard C. Holley.

The new series will be produced by Miss Gwendolyn Philip and directed by New Col.
houses in poverty areas. But so far WHO, Inc. has stirred only a negative response from local town officials whose approval must be obtained. A special committee formed by the Town Board disbanded after one meeting with WHO, Inc., members saying, in effect, that nothing short of single-family dwellings well outside the price range of migrants would be acceptable to the townspeople.

WHO, Inc. is considering legal action and on the other end of the county a third migrant housing facility, "Hope Village," sits stymied by a host of local government maneuverings. In the meantime, no houses are being built; the migrants are still in their shacks.

Because the migrants are poor, transient and, most of them, black, and because the migrants do, in fact, "go away" taking the immediacy of their problems with them, they remain outside the consciousness of most of the white farming community. But just as surely as winter turns to spring, the migrants will be back, and their problems will have been made worse for another year's neglect.

Ella Mae holds Jeremy close to her while he sleeps. She tries to keep him warm by putting him between herself and her husband, Roland. He is still shivering.

Franklin didn't put the newspaper back around his door. And while he sleeps the hawk slips in and turns his brown face ashy. Home is a barracks for the eighteen people who live in this camp. None of the units have running water or bathrooms.

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Applied Arts is presently on exhibit in RIT's Bevier gallery in the James Booth Memorial Building on the Henrietta campus. The show, which includes textiles, metal, wood and glass, will continue through November 17. The gallery is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.