

HUNGER

"This deteriorating situation poses a dilemma for the wealthy, food-surfeited citizen of the developed world. He must decide whether he has a moral obligation to feed those who are starving even if the food shortage in the poorest countries could have been prevented by population control."

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11 November 1974, *Life Magazine, USA*

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"Western economists like to quote outside factors – such as nature, climate, population growth – as being responsible for the food deficiency from which so many former colonies suffer. But the real causes responsible for the hunger of some 400 million people are . . . colonialism and imperialism, neocolonialism, and international monopolies."

2 November 1974, *Neues Deutschland, German Democratic Republic*

"Efforts to banish hunger throughout the world at the unique conference in Rome are being sabotaged by a depressingly large number of the 130 countries present, who seem more interested in turning it into an old-style 'anti-colonialist' revivalist meeting. Their argument is the familiar, all-purpose one that anything that goes wrong in a developing country, after however many decades of independence and however many billions of dollars of aid, is due to 'colonialist exploitation' in the past... (But)... It is embarrassingly clear that some of those that are now hungry would not be so under the old, efficient and incorrupt colonial administration."

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11 November 1974, *The Daily Telegraph, UK*

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"The developing countries are fully capable of solving the food problem, provided they win complete political and economic independence, rely chiefly on the strength and wisdom of their own people and, making full use of their resources, strive to increase farm production and develop their national economies step by step in a planned way."

7 November 1974, *Hsuehua News Agency, People's Republic of China*