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Food for All

The cost of food spirals upward month by month. Only a minority of the earth's peoples get enough to eat—a few much more than enough—while millions are on the point of starvation.

Yet, the material conditions, the knowledge and techniques are at hand to produce food in abundance for everyone in the world.

That there has already been a technical revolution of vast proportions is now on record. All during the 1960s, while neo-Malthusians and many conservationists insisted that the “population explosion” was the outstanding cause of starvation, that food production was barely keeping up with the increase of people, a scientific revolution in agriculture was making more astounding advances than its most enthusiastic proponents had believed possible. Not until the decade was over, and stock was taken of the worldwide situation did United Nations experts publish the amazing fact that, while global population had increased at the highest rate in history, *food production had been growing 1 3/4 times as fast.*¹

In 1970 the Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to Norman Borlaug, “father of the Green Revolution.” He was the prime mover in developing new strains of cereals, legumes and animal fodder, and the Green Revolution was hailed as the coming savior of small farmers everywhere.

But instead of saving the small farmers it has made agriculture, long regarded by the big corporations as a poor arena for the amassing of profits, a new and tremendously