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Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kansas) today accused Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman of "running away from American farm problems at a most critical time."

"Cotton, dairy products, and wheat are all in major trouble," Dole said. "Legislation is urgently needed now. Instead of seeking to work with Congress to develop new programs Freeman announces he will leave the country on July 13 to spend a month studying farm conditions in Soviet Russia and four other communist satellite states."

"Is this trip necessary? The answer obviously is 'no'. The failure of agricultural programs in the communist countries is a matter of common knowledge. What can Secretary Freeman learn that will help American farmers?"

"At his press conference today, Freeman poured cold water on the chances of obtaining cotton legislation, even though the Administration is supposed to be urgently pressing for action. He indicated there was strong need for dairy legislation this year, but he will not be here to plead for it. As for wheat, the Secretary indicated the Administration will request no legislation this year. Apparently, it has been decided that since farmers refused to approve the Freeman-Cochrane wheat program, no other alternatives would be offered to them or no attempts made to amend existing law to remove some of the inequitable provisions I referred to in a letter to Freeman on June 21.

"There is still ample time for Congress to act constructively on many of the serious problems confronting agriculture hence it seems strange the Secretary would absent himself at this critical time."