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Statement from Congressman Bob Dole regarding the
"loyalty oath" requirement for farmer-elected A.S.C.S. committeemen.
(See attached release from Congressman Dole of May 14, 1963
and the Federal Register, July 11, 1963, Title 7-Agriculture,
Part 7.)

" I was pleased to note in today's Federal Register
the loyalty oath promulgated by Secretary Freeman on March 1
had been rescinded.

"It was never intended by Congress the Secretary
of Agriculture should seek to intimidate or coerce farmer-
elected committeemen to support or oppose any specific farm
theory or program. In fact, Congress has traditionally established
and supported a policy of independence and separation of power
for such committeemen. Secretary Freeman, by administrative
order, would ^{have} ~~now~~ ~~compel~~ these farmer-elected committeemen to
become an integral part of the Administration propaganda team,
requiring them to support programs which they, and the farm
neighbors who elected them, might flatly oppose.

"It is heartening that the Secretary has finally
recognized the ridiculous oath insulted the intelligence and
integrity of the American farmer and commend him for rescinding
it."