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Congressman Bob Dole in his regular newsletter ~~to~~ constituents stated that wheat legislation possibilities are increasing. Dole, a member of the Wheat Subcommittee said that in his opinion, "Hopes for enactment of wheat legislation are brighter." He pointed out, "Since Jan. 7, the Subcommittee has met for 13 hours. One thing appears certain, any new program will be voluntary. Subcommittee members generally agree that if a specific program cannot be worked out on a nearly unanimous basis, steps will be taken to protect wheat farmers' income by modification of existing law."

While not mentioned in his newsletter, Dole further pointed out that hopes for a voluntary program received a "shot in the arm" last Friday (Jan. 17) when Clifford Hope, Sr., former Congressman from Kansas and former Chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture indicated a satisfactory bill, whatever it might be, should be simple and practical, voluntary, reduce the cost of operation and stabilize the income of wheat farmers, and in addition hold the line on consumer prices, be voluntary in operation and be enacted within the next 60 days.

Congressman Dole also pointed out if there was any any relaxation of world tensions it was strictly on a unilateral basis, with the U.S. doing all the relaxing. As examples, he said, " Communist China has broken the truce and shelled Quemoy City in the Quemoy Islands--Castro has gone to Moscow by invitation of Premier Khrushchev--Zanzibar, one of the new "independent states" off the African East Coast has been converted into a pro-communist state--Ghana, in west Africa, another one of the ex-colonial states, has abolished the two-party system, and in effect is imitating the totalitarian system of the communists--troubles in Viet Nam (187 American dead), Malaysia and Indonesia have been intensified by communists. Don't forget the Communist unity recently when Moscow and Peking denounced the U.S. as an aggressor in the Canal Zone and pledged full support to the Panamanians and that Castro is arranging for large shipments of machinery and other necessities from Western Europe. If this is "relaxation of tensions," Americans better remain 'tensely unrelaxed.' "