

News Release

Hutchinson, Kansas, February 15, 1964

*Dole also requested and requested information on what
contract was coming from + if of any
any of the same type news coming anywhere
books*

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Hutchinson, Kansas, Rep. Bob Dole (R. Kans.) has wired Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman ^{requesting} asking if there ~~is~~ ^{is} a provision ~~in~~ ^{of} the government contracts with Continental Grain and Cargill Inc., ^{to make public so interest} to protect the U. S. ~~tax~~ Taxpayers in the ~~sale~~ ^{completed and pending} of wheat to ~~Russia~~. ^{what deal with Russia will be published}

~~Dole stated~~ ^{returning} ~~the~~ ^{Dole stated} the Maritime Administration has made official what many suspected ~~that~~ ^{that} U. S. ships will not be used to haul 50% of the American wheat sold to Russia, ^{the late} (a condition laid down by Pres. Kennedy last October.)

Food exchange

^{Dole stated} Of the 988,000 long tons of wheat to be delivered by Continental Grain Co., to the Reds, ^{only} about 38% will be shipped in U. S. vessels and the remaining 62% in foreign vessels. Thus ^{over} about 4.5 million bushels ¹ which ^{supposedly} was to be carried by American ships will ^{now} be transported by ships of foreign register at sharply reduced freight rates. ^{and the difference in rates} This could represent a considerable windfall profit to the Exporter (Continental Grain Co.) ^{source of the high} which had already been given an inflated government ^{object} subsidy ^{paid contract was nothing but a device} on the wheat sale to enable payment of the higher freight rates charged by U. S. ship owners. ^{the public has not had the facts certainly Continental should not} ~~be permitted as a "windfall", nor~~ ^{while} ~~more~~ ^{should not} recently it has been announced that Cargill Inc., the nation's largest

grain exporter, ^{what} has sold 8 million bushels of Durum wheat to the Russians under an export subsidy ranging as high as 84 ^{cents} per ~~box~~ bushel. This compares with a 64 cent per bushel subsidy on Kansas hard winter wheat shipped from gulf ports. ^{instead of 13 to 25 cents per bushel} ~~Presumably~~ ^{allocated 20 other cents} higher subsidy was again granted to ~~permit~~ ^{to} Cargill to pay the added cost of shipping 50% of the tonnage in American vessels, ~~but shortly after the~~ ^{Do get the both year affecting Dole has} sale was negotiated Cargill Inc. was before the Maritime Administration requesting a waiver on the 50% requirement. ~~This could result in a very large windfall profit to Cargill if the waiver is granted, and if so the money should be returned to the~~ ^{and} ~~Treasury.~~ ^{I feel th}

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