

For release Wednesday, October 7

"Anyone who says that Bob Dole isn't working for the farmers has not read the record," said McDill "Huck" Boyd, First District Chairman, in a statement issued from Dole headquarters here today.

"An organized and deliberate campaign to discredit Dole's record has been waged for many months, and it is time to set the record straight.

"Dole opposed the compulsory farm program, with its jail sentences, heavy fines, its red tape, delay and confusion--just as Senators Carlson and Pearson, and all other Republican Congressmen in Kansas did, but he proposed alternatives too," said Boyd, who listed the following positive proposals:

1. Bob Dole co-sponsored and introduced a farm bill which would have provided for a voluntary wheat and feed grain program to permit farmers to combine their base acreage and plant the crop of their choice. A voluntary program which, if passed, would have given farmers more income than they have today.

2. The Dole bill would have prevented the Secretary of Agriculture from "loading" the market with CCC wheat until prices reached at least 115% of support price plus transportation and normal carrying charges. Over 100 million bushels of government-owned wheat have been "dumped" on the market at a lesser figure since the first of July, 1964, creating heavy pressure on wheat prices at a time when large stocks are still owned by farmers.

3. Bob Dole introduced a bill to increase sugar beet acreage for western Kansas farmers. We are still importing great quantities of sugar from abroad, and at the same time limiting production on American farms.

4. Bob Dole introduced a bill to limit the imports of beef from abroad--imports which were crippling the cattle industry and making it more difficult for farmers at home.

5. Bob Dole voted for appropriations for REA, soil conservation, watershed and irrigation projects, the school lunch program, the "food for peace" plan (Public

Law 480) to help dispose of surplus agricultural products--all of which are beneficial to farmers.

6. Bob Dole supported increased appropriations for farm extension research and appeared before a Congressional hearing in support of a grain research center.

7. He spearheaded efforts to expose the "Billie Sol Estes" mess. The Senate Investigating Committee has just confirmed Bob's assertion nearly two years ago that "favoritism" from high USDA officials was extended to Estes.

8. Dole supported the bill to establish a National Commission on Food Marketing to study the food industry from the farm to the consumer.

NONE of these Dole proposals were supported by the present Administration.

"This all adds up to a positive record of service," said Boyd, "and no half-truths or outright falsehoods can change the facts. I can only refer all those who want the truth to the Congressional Record for an accurate account."

Boyd said that complete copies of the Dole proposals to strengthen the farm economy or printed summaries setting out major points, are available by writing: Congressman Bob Dole, House Office Building, Washington, D. C.