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Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kansas) speaking at a Hutchinson Junior College Republican meeting Wednesday night charged the United States Department of Agriculture of violating the intent of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter in announcing additional sales of Commodity Credit Corporation Stocks of wheat, Tuesday. Dole said, "the 1948 Agriculture Act indicates the Commodity Credit Corporation was created for the purpose of "stabilizing, supporting, and protecting farm income and prices." Despite this clear language, the action by Secretary Freeman will most certainly depress the prices farmers, who still have all or part of their 1965 wheat crop, will receive."

Dole stated, "the USDA announcement is another example of the efforts of this Administration to control prices without the legislative authority to do so."

Dole also cited the recent Administration action of controlling the price of aluminum and copper by sales and threats of sales of these metals from United States stockpiles.

It appears, Dole said, "that everyone except the farmer will profit from this action, including the exporters, the grain trade and the millers."

In view of our expanding export commitments, the famine in India, the short crops in Australia and Argentina, Dole stated he would ask the House Committee on Agriculture to explore the possibility of lifting some of the restrictions on planting and control when Congress convenes, January 10, 1966.

Congressman Dole stated that our Country was the only Country with a significant reserve of wheat in the entire world and that the action announced by the USDA would indicate that top USDA officials are panicking because of the possibility of a world wide shortage of wheat, if, in fact, we are facing a world wide shortage, then controls should be relaxed. It seems unfair to deprive the American wheat producer of a rise in market prices by making the 470 million bushels of wheat now in Commodity Credit inventory available for sale at the market price or 108% of the current support price plus carrying charges . which ever is higher.