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MANHATTAN, KANSAS FEBRUARY 18, 1966 FOR RELEASE AT 12 NOON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1966

Congressman Bob Dole, (R-Kans), speaking at the Kansas Bankers' Agricultural School being conducted at Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, stated this morning, "Our wheat stocks are no longer of surplus proportions. We are looking forward to an increase in wheat acreage allotments next year to avoid reducing stocks below desirable reserve levels. The 1965 legislation permits this flexibility."

Dole stated, "Just a few months ago, the word "surpluses" was being bandied about by everyone, but now the talk has dramatically shifted to the word "reserves" and even the word "scarcity"."

"Public Law 480, or "Food for Peace", hearings are now underway. The sentiment on the Agriculture Committee is to greatly expand the "Food for Peace" program," Dole continued, "but I am apprehensive that a tight budgetary situation could prevent us from doing much more than meeting the famine needs such as we now are doing in India."

Dole indicated there was growing support for his proposal to create a "Bread and Butter Corps" and that he would offer his program as an amendment to the "Food for Peace" program. The "Bread and Butter Corps" would supply technical "know how" and "show how" to developing countries through the facilities of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in cooperation with land grant colleges who would undertake an intensified and accelerated extension type training program overseas. The federal government's role would be to stimulate participation by providing a modest subsidy to those colleges qualified to equip and train the needed technicians and by using foreign currencies generated by the sale of U. S. farm products.

Dole concluded, "The technicians need not necessarily have a college degree -- but they would be highly trained to meet the demands of their assigned country or countries. Perhaps an intensified and accelerated program could properly prepare a technician in the "Bread and Butter Corps" in a relatively short period of time. Only qualified persons would be assigned to a country, and the "finished product" could conceivably come from any walk of life prior to training -- though farmers and others engaged in the field of agriculture might offer the best hope initially."