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Bob Dole told the editors there was growing support of his proposal and he was optimistic that some such program would be enacted this year.

Washington—At the 1966 spring meeting of Newspaper Farm Editors of America ~~here Monday~~ Rep. Bob Dole (R. Kans.) discussed the "Food for Freedom" proposal pending before the House agricultural committee and Dole's proposal, the Bread and Butter Corps.

Dole indicated there was strong bi-partisan support for extending and expanding the Food for Peace Program which was enacted in 1954. He told the farm editors that nearly every witness that appeared before the committee stressed the need for increased U. S. technical assistance to developing countries, but that nothing in the bill now considered would cover this. "Therefore," Dole said, "I will offer an amendment and will ask Congress to authorize thirty-five million dollars to initiate the proposal."

He pointed out the technical assistance concept is ~~now~~ new but that there are two basic innovations in his proposal. The first is better coordination; the second is the structuring of this program through land grant colleges and other universities.

The Bread and Butter Corps proposal takes the concept of technical assistance, coordinates it within the USDA, within the U. S. Government, and within private foundations, voluntary organizations and farm groups. It is structured through the land grant and other colleges to provide training programs, the establishment of agricultural institutes and research and demonstration projects designed to meet man's most basic need--the need for food.

"It is important to note the program is designed to prevent the growth of another federal bureaucratic empire. In addition it would provide the export of our most valuable commodity, American agricultural genius," Dole said.