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STRIKE LAW STILL NEEDED

Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kansas) said today that settlement of the costly and inexcusable airline strike, with the assistance of a politically conscious President, does not mean that strike legislation is no longer necessary. A dispute of this kind, or any strike which has a significant adverse affect on the public interest should be settled through machinery provided by statute, after the ordinary processes of collective bargaining have broken down.

"In my opinion, Congress has a clear duty to proceed in this politically explosive field, for while this strike may have been settled, another one affecting the public interest is bound to occur sooner or later. An outraged public should not be asked to indefinitely tolerate the tactics employed by certain labor leaders whose tactics, according to Secretary of Labor, Willard Wirtz, make a 'farce' of collective bargaining.

"The people of this country have every right to expect action from Congress, which in this day and age will put an end to the public-be-damned attitude, whether on the side of labor or management. Congress is still waiting for legislation which President Johnson promised he would transmit to Congress six months ago. Congress should wait no longer for Presidential concensus, but meet its responsibility head-on.

"The American people know by now that President Johnson will never act quickly if it means offending labor leaders. This Administration employs a double standard when it comes to dealing with labor leaders as opposed to business and agriculture."

Congressman Dole stated that many felt, rightly or wrongly, that the President finally acted because of pressure exerted by Members of Congress, the possibility that Congress might enact legislation which would offend labor leaders, critical editorials in large metropolitan newspapers, and also because many who plan to attend his daughter Luci's wedding on August 6 must come by air.