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KANSAS CITY, KANS., Dec. 4 -- U. S. Rep. Bob Dole (R-Kans.) said tonight "the present price Kansas farmers receive for wheat reflects the disastrous effects of misguided Administration farm policies."

Dole spoke at a meeting of the Hard Winter Wheat Quality Advisory Council here.

"The American farmer is in serious trouble because of present stop and go policies," Dole said. "Department of Agriculture data for November shows U. S. farmers receive \$1.39 per bushel for wheat -- 53 per cent of parity. For Kansas farmers, the picture is even darker -- \$1.31 per bushel."

Dole said a prime reason for low farm income is the 1966-67 cutback of PL 480 wheat exports.

In that year, Dole said, the Administration arbitrarily cut wheat exports from 523 million bushels to 292 bushels.

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"I say arbitrarily because Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman, with no indication to Congress, sent a cable around the world advising wheat requests under the Food for Peace program should be cut 25 per cent."

Dole added, "The cable was a sentence of starvation, a message of malnutrition."

"The effect of the cable," Dole said, "was that Secretary Freeman and the Council of Economic Advisers decided that the consumer price index was more important than farm prices,"

"The Food for Peace Program enacted during the Eisenhower Administration has done much good throughout the world," the Congressman said, "and it should not be destroyed just to hold down farm prices."

"The beneficial potentials of the War on Hunger must be maximized," he said. "The nation and the world must not be deterred from this victory."

"Time and time again I have offered recommendations to improve farm income, but time and time again, the Administration has ignored these suggestions," Dole said.

The Congressman said he has asked the Secretary of Agriculture to:

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- 1) raise the wheat loan rate from \$1.25 to \$1.40;
- 2) require release of Commodity Credit Corporation stocks at no less than 100 percent of parity;
- 3) announce the CCC will pay the first-year storage costs for wheat under loan;
- 4) expand exports under PL 480 programs, and
- 5) price wheat competitively for export.