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WASHINGTON, D.C., JAN. 13, 1971 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today said the 1970's would see action on important reforms in welfare and public assistance. The Kansas Senator also predicted major restructuring of tax revenue division between federal, state and local governments.

Speaking to the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, Dole said, "I believe a federal revenue sharing system will be adopted in this country within the decade. The federal government has taken the giant slice out of the tax-revenue pie, and the crumbs left over just cannot support local governments."

"The time is at hand to reverse the trend of the past four decades and revitalize state and local governments."

Turning to the subject of welfare reform, Dole cited the country's failure to apply its capacity and resources effectively toward seeing to the basic human needs of its people.

"The welfare-public assistance system of today is a disaster. It has failed to bring the relief it was designed for. And it has intensified and increased the misery of its beneficiaries, while costing taxpayers in every state countless billions of dollars each year," Dole stated.

Dole called for passage of a "work-related, self-improvement-focused, achievement-oriented program" which would reach out with meaningful assistance to the aged, the ill and those caught in the poverty cycle.

In the field of agriculture Dole focused on the need for increased vitality in international trade. He noted that the value of farm exports in the last fiscal year exceeded \$6.6 billion and commercial dollar sales reached a new high of \$5.6 billion.

"Our programs must look to overseas markets, and we must be prepared to compete for maximum utilization of our products throughout the world," he said.

Stressing the need for free movement of agricultural products in international trade, Dole told of his successful efforts to urge President Nixon to reject a United Kingdom effort to increase the UK's minimum import price on grains and ultimately move to a variable levy system on grain imports.

Dole said the President had replied that he had informed Prime Minister Edward Heath that the United States is not willing to accede to the British request.