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DOLE COMMENTS ON ARAB-ISRAELI HOSTILITIES

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole today termed the outbreak of Arab-Israeli hostilities "a peril for the world's hopes for a just and lasting peace."

In Senate remarks Dole states, "as Americans we must view this new war with the utmost apprehension and concern. Israel's survival as an independent, sovereign state is threatened. The lives of thousands of Arab and Jewish civilians are jeopardized. And whenever conflict in this vital region develops, the possibility arises that it will expand to global scope."

Dole also indicated that the war provides a clear warning against America becoming too dependent on foreign oil supplies. In addition to our concern for world peace and the survival of Israel we must also be deeply concerned with our position as a major industrialized nation and our interests in having sufficient, secure energy supplies.

Calling for a major program to expand domestic crude oil and natural gas production, Dole said, "the United States has significant domestic petroleum reserves which can be developed. And if they are developed every barrel we produce ourselves will mean less red ink in our balance of payments, more strength for our economy, and less vulnerability to the pressures of war and hatred in the Middle East and elsewhere."