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# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (Special)--President Gerald R. Ford's "humanitarian proposal of Wednesday is not just a harbinger of a heightened role of importance for Kansas' agriculture products but a challenge to the Kansas farmer, U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R.-Kan.) said here this morning.

And, Sen. Dole suggested the President summon the world's food-exporting nations to an international conference with the oil-exporting nations.

The recommended conference was presented in a telegram from Sen. Dole to the President this morning, following Ford's address before the United Nations General Assembly at New York Wednesday. It was before the U.N. the President made his overtures for increasing American food assistance to the hungry people of the world. The President indicated such a "humanitarian proposal" would be "beneficial to world peace and to the prosperity of the world."

Sen. Dole's telegram to the President today:

"I want to congratulate you on your foreign policy speech Wednesday before the United Nations. It will serve to reaffirm the confidence many lesser developed nations have in the United States. I greatly appreciate your consideration of my recent letter and statement recommending the continuation and expansion of the Food for Peace Program (PL 480), portions of which were reflected in your speech.

"Pursuant to your policy statement, I would respectfully urge that you consider calling a meeting as soon as possible of all food exporting nations along with representatives of the Arab oil exporting nations toward obtaining the suggested commitment for participation in humanitarian food programs utilizing food export nations abilities coupled with the hard currencies the oil rich nations have in such quantities," Sen. Dole's message concluded.

Sen. Dole said he was advising Kansas farmers and "all Kansans aware of the impact of agriculture on our state," that the market for major farm commodities produced in the state will be strengthened if the \$500 million necessary to implement the Ford proposal is approved by Congress.

~~and, he said, "In view of the millions of starving people around the globe, I believe this federal expenditure is essential even tho the rate of inflation is high."~~

Noting "all the major points of the President's proposal are similar to a speech I made recently on the 20th anniversary of the Food for Peace Program," Sen. Dole asserted it was encouraging President Ford "listens and responds to the concerns of Kansas in this matter."

Sen. Dole, one of the foremost spokesmen for agriculture in the Congress, will be among the U.S. delegation to the World Food Conference in Rome this

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