



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## DOLE COMMENTS UPON RETURN FROM WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, D.C.--"The United States of America owes no apologies for its food assistance efforts over the past years," says U.S. Senator Bob Dole, who returned late Friday from the World Food Conference in Rome.

"The American people can be proud of their generosity under programs like Food for Peace," Dole added, "and in spite of all the well-publicized criticism of the U.S. coming out of Rome, most fair-minded delegates to the Conference are very much aware of and grateful for, our historic role in feeding the world's hungry."

Dole conceded that some at the Conference felt that the U.S. "could and should do more." Some of those urging increased food aid programs were U.S. delegates and Dole said he agreed that consideration ought to be given to additional aid efforts. "I have written to Secretary Butz, who returns this week-end, urging him to have the Agriculture Department look into the feasibility of including items like canned meats in our aid package." Dole said some varieties of canned and perhaps dried meats could be sent to abroad to needy peoples without materially affecting consumer prices in this country, because supplies are in surplus.

"In no event, however," Dole concluded, "should the U.S. allow itself to be put on the defensive in this field, nor should this be a partisan issue. The American taxpayer has no apologies to make for having given over \$25 billion in food stuffs to nations unable to feed themselves. and I am confident that Congress and the President will continue a policy of helping as much as possible in the future."