



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## DOLE INQUIRES ON TRADE BILL

Washington, D.C. -- At final hearings on the Trade Bill concerning the Soviet emigration issue and the importance of the bill, Senator Bob Dole today raised the issue of sacrificing the dairy, livestock and other agricultural industries for concessions in trading of industrial and manufactured commodities.

Senator Dole was assured by Secretary of State Henry Kissinger that leaders in agricultural and other sectors would be consulted before any concessions were made.

Dole cited the difficulties among Kansas dairy and livestock producers and the aggravating effect foreign meat and dairy imports have had in bringing about severe conditions in those industries.

Dole also inquired about progress made toward encouraging Soviet and Mideast oil-producing nations to join in world food relief efforts. Kissinger stated that while the oil-producing nations have agreed in principle to give financial support, the Soviet Union has made no commitment.

Senator Dole expressed his concern about numerous amendments prepared for the Senate debate on the Trade Bill and about the danger of Congress failing to pass the Trade Bill this year. He queried the Secretary of State about the consequence of failure to pass the bill. Kissinger described the importance of the bill to the U.S. trade position and the Trade Bill's significance to resolving U.S. economic woes. He underscored numerous messages from leaders of foreign states urging U.S. passage of the Trade Bill.

Senator Dole stated, "Agricultural exports have become vital to the Kansas economy in recent years and to Kansas farmers and hundreds of related industries as well. I intend to work for early passage in the Senate and final approval of the bill in Congress this year."

Senator Dole requested Secretary Kissinger's consideration of the need for increasing U.S. assistance to Israel in order to accommodate increasing emigration from the Soviet Union under the U.S.-Soviet agreement on emigration which has been attached to the Trade Bill.