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ADMINISTRATION SHOULD MATCH WORDS WITH ACTION, DOLE SAYS

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) said today that President Carter must be prepared to go beyond mere "posturing" in confronting Soviet adventurism in Africa and Europe, and "match the pretense of rhetoric with the reality of action."

The real test of the administration's intentions, Dole said, will be the degree to which its foreign policies reflect its new image of "toughness."

"There are many reasons why President Carter might want to abandon his image of inertia and indecisiveness at this time," Dole said. "Congressional pressure, the NATO conference and preparations for the forthcoming SALT debate have all had some bearing on the new posture of 'toughness' presented by several administration spokesmen."

A CALL FOR ACTION

"The real barometer of the President's attitude, and of his ultimate success in confronting Soviet aggression, however, will be the course of his policies in Africa and Asia during the coming weeks. For months, several of my Senate colleagues and myself have been calling for open support of anti-communist African nations, including South Africa and the transitional regime in Rhodesia. We have called for suspension of 'normalization' with Cuba, and for production of the neutron bomb as a viable defensive weapon.

"If the President is now willing to translate rhetoric into reality, he should heed this advice and demonstrate to the Soviets that the invitation for adventurism has been withdrawn."