



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## DOLE CALLS FOR AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY LEADERSHIP; CRITICIZES CARTER POLICIES

NEW ORLEANS -- Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) charged today that "under the Carter Administration, America has lost its grip on the rudder of free world leadership."

Dole spoke to supporters of the reelection of Rep. Bob Livingston (R-La.) on a riverboat cruise on the Mississippi River.

"As the leaders of the non-Communist world, we must project an image of strength and consistency in our relations with other nations," Dole said. "Unfortunately, we aren't. Our goals are blurred, our commitment to allies questioned, our resolve to deal firmly with adversaries doubted.

"With the Soviet challenge to the West more pronounced today than at any time this decade, it is essential that we maintain an American defense posture second to none by shoring up our conventional and strategic capabilities, by preserving our superior naval strength, by reaffirming our unequivocal commitment to our allies in Western Europe, and by asserting our unswerving support for fundamental human rights in the Soviet Union, Eastern Europe and around the globe.

"The world is looking to us for leadership in foreign policy. The Carter Administration's uncertainty, contradictions, inconsistency and frequent shifts in policy have confused friend and foe alike. That's not the kind of leadership America should be providing.

"The people of the First District of Louisiana can be proud that their congressman, Bob Livingston, understands the need for American strength. He knows that the best way to keep the peace is to keep America strong, that America must be firm, but not unyielding, committed to freedom and self-rule, and dedicated to the preservation of human rights throughout the world."