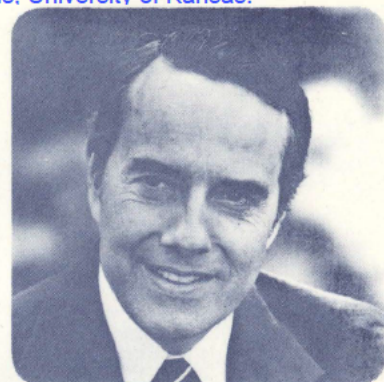


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DOLE SAYS FARMER BEING SHORT-CHANGED

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kansas) said today the American farmer is being short-changed by the Carter Administration and is the victim of the Administration's economic and foreign policies.

Dole, speaking before the Senate Agriculture Committee's hearing on embargo relief bills, said "It has now been over 60 days since the embargo was announced and the Administration has yet to take the necessary steps to protect farm income from the disastrous effects of the embargo. Farmers are beginning to realize the Administration is not planning to live up to their promise to protect the farmer," added Dole.

"It is not enough just to try to keep grain markets where they were before the embargo. At that time the markets were strong and most observers felt they would go considerably higher. The markets are now weak, and with run-away inflation, farmers are really feeling the sting of an Administration that seems dedicated to keeping farm income as low as possible," said the Kansas Senator.

"Senator Talmadge said this week in this committee that it will be hard to get major farm legislation passed this year to protect the farmer from the sting of the embargo. With the Carter Administration not proposing strong legislation, with the threat of a Presidential veto, and with budget pressures farmers will probably have to bear most of the economic loss by themselves," said Dole.

"I pledge to work with other Senators on this committee to develop adequate legislation. It will be difficult given the conditions of the economy and the current farm policies of this Administration," Dole said.

"I am starting to get many calls every day from Kansas farmers who are wondering when the Administration plans to act, when the Administration plans to live up to their commitment to the American farmer. I believe they should start acting now and support the efforts of this committee to develop adequate farm legislation," he added.