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DOLE SAYS SUMMIT NEEDED TO RALLY ALLIES SUPPORT ON FOREIGN POLICY

IOLA, KANSAS-- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas) today said that measures taken by the Carter Administration against Iran "will be largely meaningless unless our allies act in concert with us."

The Kansas Senator added, "These actions should have been taken long ago. Many members of Congress, myself included, called for a break in diplomatic relations and a full embargo of Iran weeks before the President finally took any action. What is most disturbing, however, is that there seems to be no indication that the Administration made any real progress in getting our allies to support this belated move."

Dole said that the President's "inability to lead the Western World has been a consistent, disturbing problem. Apparently when the President finally sounds his trumpet on foreign policy issues, our allies overseas never know if he is signalling a charge or a retreat. We have seen this time and time again, on the neutron bomb, the Soviet Brigade in Cuba, Iran and Afghanistan. The leaders of Western Europe and Japan simply do not seem to take Mr. Carter seriously-- and when the President of the West's largest and strongest nation is no longer taken seriously, even by Allies, then we are inviting disaster."

Summit Needed

"Assuming the Administration has finally decided what our policy is to be concerning Iran and Afghanistan, it might be useful for the President to hold a summit meeting with the top leaders of the Western Alliance. Perhaps then we could finally emerge with a unified position that would be taken seriously in Tehran and Moscow," said Dole.