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POLL SHOWS UNREST TYPICAL IN FARM COMMUNITY

WASHINGTON, D.C....Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan) said today, "A recent poll taken in Iowa of the state's farmers shows considerable political unrest in the farm community which is typical of the dissatisfaction with Pres. Carter's farm policies I find in my travels throughout the wheat and corn belts."

A special Iowa poll, conducted in late May, and reported by the Des Moines Sunday Register on May 25, 1980, was based on a scientifically representative sampling of Iowa's farmers. The poll revealed:

(1) Eighty-one percent of those who work the land in Iowa say the president has not succeeded in minimizing the grain embargo's effects on farmers. Only 9 percent think he's succeeded.

(2) Fifty-three percent of Iowa's farmers are convinced that "his own political future" is the chief factor Carter considers in setting agricultural policy, 29 percent say he's guided chiefly by the "good of the U.S.," and 2 percent by the "good of the farmer."

(3) If the November election was held at the time of the poll 48% of the farmers would have voted for Gov. Reagan, 22% for Pres. Carter, and 17% for John Anderson.

Sen. Dole stated, "I believe these same results would be found in most states from Texas to Montana and from Iowa to Ohio. Pres. Carter has just not kept faith with the nations farmers. I find unrest, confusion and frustration wherever I go in the farm community."

"The figures might be even worse in my state of Kansas. We are facing a real farm depression there and wheat farmers have had a difficult time financially for 3 years. The unrest expressed by the Am.Agriculture Movement started in Colorado and Kansas in the fall of 1977. The opportunity is certainly there for Gov. Reagan to sweep the major farm states. I believe the fires of dissatisfaction in the farm community will be expressed at the ballot box in November."