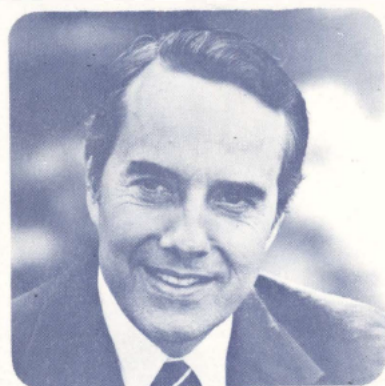


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DOLE TELLS REAGAN GRAIN EMBARGO IS FALLING APART

WASHINGTON, D.C.....Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan) told Governor Ronald Reagan today in a meeting in Washington, "The grain embargo against the Soviet Union is falling apart and should be ended before the damage from this action gets beyond repair."

Dole, in a letter delivered to Reagan during a meeting with Congressional leaders, said, "There are too many holes and leaks in the system. The Carter Administration has failed to keep other countries from selling additional supplies to the Soviets. I would hope you will consider joining in the effort to end the grain embargo. The farm community needs some good news at this time. Your announcement would be the best news they have had in months."

"At the time the embargo was announced the Republicans who criticized the embargo as ineffective, unfair, and more damaging to the United States than to the Soviet Union, were criticized as unpatriotic. I, and many others believe the facts now prove we were right."

"To support efforts to end the grain embargo I will introduce a bill in the U.S. Senate on Friday, June 20, to rescind the agricultural commodity export embargo to the Soviet Union. My bill simply says that any restrictions imposed by the President on the export and reexport of agricultural commodities to the Soviet Union under the authority of the Export Administration Act of 1979 are terminated effective on the date of enactment of the bill."

"The U.S. farmer, the soybean worker at the processing plant, the U.S. transportation industry and the U.S. economy have been dealt a severe economic blow. The taxpayer has had to absorb a greater financial burden totaling around 3 billion dollars. The Russians got most of the grain they needed this year, and no doubt will make sure in the future that they will never again rely on the U.S. as a dependable supplier."