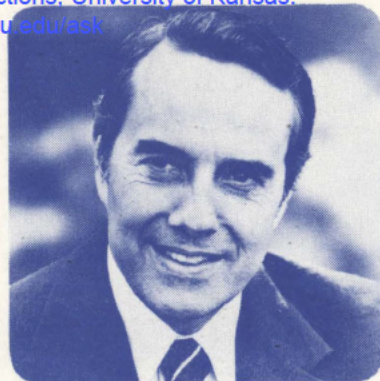


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DOLE APPLAUDS ACTION BY MIDWEST GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON.....Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan) today applauded the action taken yesterday by the Midwest Governors' Conference to call for an end to the grain embargo.

Dole said, "The policy statement adopted unanimously by the Conference was strong, direct and supports the position taken by Gov. Ronald Reagan. I am pleased the governors' took a strong position against the Administration action and that they realize the consequences of the embargo action."

The Kansas Senator said, "The policy by the Conference calling for an end to the current embargo and urging action to prevent future interference with private sales of agricultural products to customers located in foreign countries will help in our efforts to pass new legislation in Congress to end the present embargo and legislation to prevent, except in extreme circumstances, embargoes in the future."

"The Governors certainly understand the impact of embargoes when they said, 'Agricultural embargoes are ineffective, depress prices, cost the taxpayers billions of dollars and jeopardize future sales of agricultural commodities.'"

The policy statement adopted by the Midwest Governors Conference said:

"It is important to support efforts to increase the incomes of our nation's farmers by aggressively pursuing international markets for United States agricultural products. Agricultural embargoes are ineffective, depress prices, cost taxpayers billions of dollars, and jeopardize future sales of agricultural commodities.

"American farmers, with cooperation of the Foreign Agricultural Service and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, have invested millions of dollars developing world markets for U.S. farm and ranch products. These programs are beginning to pay off in the form of increased world sales and contribute to our national balance of trade.

"Any national policy that causes our foreign customers to doubt the reliability of the U.S. as a trading partner undermines the effectiveness of these market development programs. The long-term consequences of sales suspensions is damaging to both agriculture and the nation.

"The Midwest Governors' Conference supports action to end the current embargo and urges action to prevent future interference with private sales of agricultural products to customers located in foreign markets."

Party, Ralph actively participated in the councils which formulated the policies of the party. His influence in national affairs was also recognized and utilized by his party in many presidential campaigns; particularly in 1932, when he was the national head of the Ex-Service Men's Organization and assistant to National Chairman Farley.

"I'm proud to have offered the amendment honoring these two outstanding men. But I am even prouder that we can claim them as Kansans.

"I would like to express my deepest appreciation to my colleagues of the Veterans Committee; and especially Senator Simpson, ranking member of the Veterans Committee, and Senator Thurmond. Without their support this measure could not have been possible. I would also like to thank Mr. Troxal Mellinger, the Kansas state commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; Mr. John W. Carr, the state commander of the American Legion; and Mr. John Snyder, the Kansas state commander of Disabled American Veterans, and all the national offices of these organizations for their valuable contribution on this matter."

The Dole measure was an amendment to the Veterans Vocational Rehabilitation Bill. Dole said he was confident of House passage of the amendment.