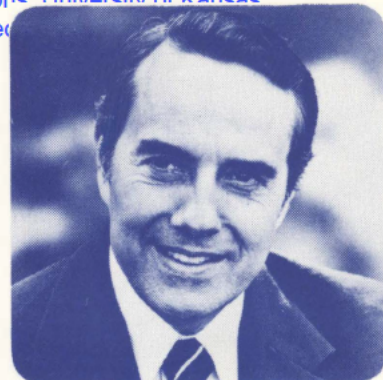


## News from Senator

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### SENATOR DOLE CALLS KIM TRIAL 'FARCE'

WASHINGTON-- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas) today made the following statement concerning the trial of Kim Dae Jung:

"The government of South Korea has experienced numerous drastic changes since President Park Chung Hee was assassinated on October 26, 1979. Initially, acting President Choi Kyu Ha proposed a revision of the Constitution and took positive steps to remove controls over political and civil liberties which had existed in the Park Administration. Political parties became active again and steps were taken to allow for a presidential election in the following year," said Dole.

"However, that election never took place. When Lt. General Chun Doo Hwan, a strong follower of Park, became acting director of the Korean Central Intelligence Agency, student uprisings and violence escalated. The right wing in the military used the unrest as a cover to take complete control of the government. Over 50,000 students rebelled in Seoul on May 14 and 15. The country was put under strict martial law. In protest, 200,000 South Korean citizens took control of the city of Kwangju. But, in the end the repression of the new military successors to Park became total," Dole said.

"Later, Mr. Kim Dae Jung, the chief opposition leader who ran for Parliament four times and even ran remarkably close to Park in the 1971 presidential elections, was arrested as the instigator of these riots and charged with sedition. Most of the charges appear to be based on his previous opposition to government policies.

"The proceedings against Mr. Kim have begun, but the South Korean government prohibited outside observers from attending. Foreign reporters covering the trial were forced to rely on pool reports from two colleagues who were allowed to attend. Mr. Bert Lockwood, who is the director of The Urban Morgan Institute for Human Rights, has been denied a visa to attend the trial as a nongovernmental observer for the International Commission of Jurists. The same is true for other organizations such as Amnesty International. It is becoming increasingly apparent that Mr. Kim is being denied vital judicial and human rights, making it impossible for him to receive a fair trial. His lawyers were supposedly arrested and tortured until they stated they would not represent Mr. Kim. Witnesses were tortured to make confessions and to testify. New attorneys were appointed for Kim by the government," said Dole.

"Korea has tried to filter news of the trial to the rest of the world. Reports of the trial proceedings were censored to include only the charges and accusations against Kim and none of his responses or denials.

"The right to a fair and open trial and to choose one's counsel are basic human rights that Mr. Kim has been denied. It represents a tragic setback to the progress of Democracy in South Korea. It is an abomination against internationally understood concepts of justice and human rights. The South Korean government should be made to understand that its actions in this case are severely damaging to its standing in the world community. Wide-ranging disapproval and outright condemnation have issued from all corners of the globe," Dole said.

### Death Sentence Given

"Today it was learned that a death sentence has been imposed on Mr. Kim, subject to further appeal. The appeals process will no doubt be as ersatz as the trial itself. Rumors in the diplomatic community are strong that at the last minute, President Chun will step in and mercifully commute the death sentence. This is a blatant attempt to increase the stature and legitimacy of his regime in the eyes of the world. It is also an attempt to win approval from his countrymen, since Mr. Kim is very popular among the people of Korea, and indeed in many areas of the Far East, he is recognized as a spokesman

for democracy, freedom, and human rights," said Dole.

"Kim's trial and death sentence have been an exercise in intimidation for the Korean people. Perhaps a little personal revenge by the Korean authorities was part of it too. The pressure brought by the Western democracies to release Kim, however, has been a lesson of a different sort to President Chun and his co-rulers. The death sentence is inappropriate and premature, for Mr. Kim has yet to receive the due process of law to which he is entitled.

"The United States should make it clear that we feel this farcial trial should be set aside by the South Korean authorities. For the good of their nation, Mr. Kim should be granted a new trial-- an open trial with counsel of his own choosing and proper judicial proceedings. Whether Mr. Kim is guilty or innocent of the charges, it is his right to have a fair trial. South Korea owes it to itself. President Chun owes it to the Korean people," Dole concluded.