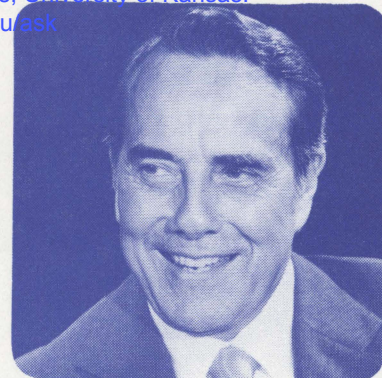


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DOLE WELCOMES SOUTH AFRICAN ANNOUNCEMENT

WASHINGTON -- SENATE MAJORITY LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KAN) WELCOMED TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT BY SOUTH AFRICAN PRESIDENT BOTHA THAT HE WILL LIFT THE STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THAT COUNTRY WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS.

"THIS IS THE FIRST OF WHAT I HOPE WILL BE A SERIES OF STEPS AIMED AT OPENING THE WAY FOR ALL SOUTH AFRICANS -- BLACK AND WHITE ALIKE -- TO HAVE AN EQUAL SAY IN THE FUTURE OF THEIR COUNTRY," SAID DOLE. "THERE IS STILL A LONG WAY TO GO, BUT THIS ACTION GIVES US SOME HOPE THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN AUTHORITIES ARE FINALLY MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION."

THE STATE OF EMERGENCY HAS BEEN IN EFFECT FOR SEVERAL MONTHS IN MUCH OF SOUTH AFRICA, AS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORT TO SUPPRESS VIOLENCE AND OVERT OPPOSITION TO THE SYSTEM OF APARTHEID.

DOLE ALSO WELCOMED BOTHA'S COMPANION ANNOUNCEMENT THAT SOUTH AFRICA IS PREPARED TO IMPLEMENT UNITED NATIONS' CALLS FOR INDEPENDENCE FOR THE TERRITORY OF NAMIBIA BY AUGUST 1 IF ALL CUBAN TROOPS ARE REMOVED FROM NEIGHBORING ANGOLA. "THE PRESENCE OF THE CUBANS," SAID DOLE, "HAS LONG BEEN A MAJOR BARRIER TO RESOLUTION OF THE NAMIBIAN ISSUE. IF SOUTH AFRICA IS SINCERE, THE MONKEY WILL BE SQUARELY ON THE BACK OF THE MARXIST REGIME IN ANGOLA. NAMIBIA CAN BE FREE, IF THE CUBANS GO BACK WHERE THEY BELONG -- TO HAVANA."