



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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MEANY SETTING UP STRAW MAN WITH AMERICAN WHEAT TO SERVE OWN NEEDS: SAYS DOLE

WASHINGTON, D.C.--According to Senator Bob Dole, AFL-CIO President "George Meany's recent efforts at economic policy making display either a monumental ignorance of the fundamentals, or a desperate effort to recapture his sagging credibility with the rank and file by building up a straw man with the American farmers' wheat."

There is no relation between the true interest of the American working men and women, and Mr. Meany's ego trip," Dole says, "By now it should be clear that the benefits to the country of such a sale far outweigh any disadvantages, real and imagined, which the labor boss has so widely proclaimed," Dole adds.

Mr. Meany could act much more effectively on his concerns about inflation," he says, "by boycotting the campaign treasuries of the big spending Democrat liberals he has so unquestioningly supported in the past, than by trampling on the contract rights of shippers and grain sellers by boycotting grain shipments."

Dole wired Mr. Carl Courter, President of the Kansas AFL-CIO, Tuesday, suggesting that the State union organization "could perform a valuable role in educating your national President, Mr. Meany, in the economic realities of agriculture in America." Dole pointed out that a large percentage of jobs in Kansas are agriculture-oriented, and many union members are also farmers. In their behalf and in the general interest of the country, Dole urged Courter to prevail on Meany to lift the boycott of Soviet grain shipments.