



NEWS from **U.S. Senator Bob Dole**

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DOLE ASSURED BY ILA LEADER THAT DOCK STRIKE AFFECTING GRAINS WOULD BE ENDED TODAY

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole was today assured by officials of the International Longshoremen's Association that the strike against grain loading operations in the New Orleans area would be ended today.

"I am especially concerned about this strike in New Orleans," Dole said, "because it primarily affects corn exports and corn prices. This is a very critical time -- with corn harvests beginning and corn farmers facing severely depressed prices."

The assurances came in a telegram to the Kansas Senator from Thomas Gleason, President of the ILA. Gleason indicated that the strike would continue only against containerized cargo and farm and perishable commodities would begin to be loaded.

Farm shipments through the port of New Orleans primarily consist of corn and feed grains.

Prior to the strike, on September 22, Dole sent letters to Gleason and James J. Dickman, President of the Council of North Atlantic Shipping Association encouraging "all parties on both sides of the negotiations to work diligently to reach a settlement and prevent a dock strike that could have extremely adverse effects on agricultural exports." After the strike was announced yesterday, Dole again contacted both men urging them to "maintain the flow of farm exports..."