



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

(R.—Kans.)

New Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510 (202) 224-6521

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: JANET ANDERSON

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1977

DOLE SALUTES SENATOR PEARSON

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Following is the text of a statement Senator Dole will make tomorrow in the Senate:

Mr. President, over the past weekend, our esteemed colleague Jim Pearson announced that he would not seek re-election to the 96th Congress. When he retires in January, 1979, Jim Pearson will have completed a quarter of a century of service to the people of Kansas and the nation -- as City Councilman, a member of the Kansas State Senate, and, for seventeen years, a United States Senator. Throughout his public career, he has been a reasoned, independent, and respected voice, one who has always put commitment to principle above ambitions for personal advancement.

Jim Pearson is a Republican. Yet the respect and admiration for him in this Chamber transcends party labels. On every issue he has made his position known, articulated it well, and worked diligently and respectfully with his colleagues on both sides of the aisle.

While I, too, praise his record of public service and look forward to further contributions to the betterment of our state and nation, it is his friendship I value most. When he leaves the Senate fifteen months from now we will lose an outstanding Senator. But I know I join my colleagues in looking forward to his continued friendship for a long, long time to come.