



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## DOLE ASKS CARTER TO DEMAND END TO CHINESE ATMOSPHERIC NUCLEAR TESTING NOW

TOPEKA, KA-- Senator Bob Dole (R.—Kansas) today called upon President Carter to demand that the People's Republic of China stop the testing of nuclear weapons in the atmosphere and sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

"When President Carter meets with the Vice Premier of the People's Republic of China, Teng Hsiao-P'ing, on Monday, he should insist that his new-found friend stop exploding nuclear weapons in the atmosphere," said Dole, speaking at Kansas Day ceremonies in Topeka.

"As recently as December 14, 1978, China detonated a nuclear device in the atmosphere at its Lop Nor test site in northwest China. Increases in ground level radiation have already been detected in the United States," said Dole, who noted that the Chinese have detonated some 24 nuclear devices since 1964.

"China is the only country in the world still making these explosions in the atmosphere. It did not sign the 1963 Partial Test Ban Treaty, in force in 105 countries. France also did not sign the treaty, but a threatened world-wide boycott of French products forced the French to stop atmospheric testing in 1974. Now China is the only nation in the world still sending clouds of radioactive dust around the world to fall on agricultural land, including Kansas and other farm states, where cows and other animals ingest the material and pass it on to humans. This radioactive material, even in small doses, may cause cancer and generate birth defects in children. If Carter is not able to convince Teng to stop these atmospheric tests, I plan to make such a stoppage a pre-condition to granting that country most favored nation status," added Dole.

"As I've stated numerous times before, I have no problem with the recognition of China, although I believe Taiwan must be assured of its integrity. But if the People's Republic Of China is to fully join the family of nations, then surely it must stop testing these weapons in the atmosphere and also pledge not to export nuclear weapons technology. I sincerely hope President Carter will agree."