

News from Senator

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DOLE DECRIES SOVIET SUPPRESSION IN LATVIA

SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KS.) TODAY CHARACTERIZED SOVIET SUPPRESSION OF PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATIONS IN RIGA, LATVIA, AS "MORE EVIDENCE THAT 'GLASNOST' IS ABOUT 90% P.R. AND ABOUT 10% REALITY."

Pointing to the use of Soviet troops to prevent and break up demonstrations on November 18, Latvian Freedom Day, Dole said, "There is a tragic sense of déjà vu about all this. We see those troops, and we remember so many other times, in so many other places, where people under the Soviet yoke sought to express their desire for freedom -- and were brutally suppressed. The events of November 18 in Riga are only one more chapter in this shameful -- and apparently still continuing -- story."

Dole indicated that he will urge President Reagan to raise the issue of Latvian freedom, and many other fundamental human and political rights issues, during the upcoming Summit with Soviet General Secretary Gorbachev.