

EXTENSION SERVICE - DISTRICT I
SUMMER PLANNING CONFERENCE
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DODGE CITY, KANSAS
Remarks of Congressman Bob Dole

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AGRICULTURE AND ITS RELATION TO U. S. FOREIGN POLICY

I AM PLEASED TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN YOUR SUMMER PLANNING CONFERENCE. MR. BLANKENHAGEN HAS GIVEN ME ONE SPECIFIC TOPIC AND A NUMBER OF OTHER TOPICS, INCLUDING PUBLIC LAW 480, THE "FARMER-TO-FARMER" PROGRAM, THE KENNEDY ROUND OF GATT, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF AGRICULTURE TO OUR NATIONAL ECONOMY. AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS, I CAN STATE THAT THERE IS A GROWING AWARENESS BY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OF THE IMPENDING WORLD FOOD AND POPULATION CRISIS. IN MY OPINION, "FOOD AID" WILL BECOME OUR MOST IMPORTANT FOREIGN POLICY INSTRUMENT IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

LAST FALL, AT THE REQUEST OF THE PRESIDENT, I VISITED INDIA IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE THE SCOPE OF FOOD NEEDS THERE, AND THERE IS A STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT MEMBERS OF OUR FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE, MYSELF INCLUDED, WILL BE VISITING ISRAEL AND OTHER MID-EAST COUNTRIES WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE THE SCOPE OF THE FOOD CRISIS IN THAT AREA. THIS IN ITSELF INDICATES THE TREMENDOUS ROLE FOOD AID, OR POTENTIAL AMERICAN FOOD AID, PLAYS IN OUR FOREIGN POLICY DECISIONS.

LET US TAKE A LOOK THEN AT A FEW BASIC POPULATION FACTS THAT DEFY EVEN OUR MOST CASUAL TEMPTATION TO IGNORE.

THE WORLD'S POPULATION, ACCORDING TO MANY EXPERTS, IS GROWING FASTER THAN ITS ABILITY TO PRODUCE FOOD. IN THE PERIOD OF TIME FROM TODAY TO THE END OF THE 20TH CENTURY, THERE WILL BE MORE PEOPLE ADDED TO THE WORLD'S POPULATION ROSTER THAN ARE ALIVE TODAY. IN A FEW YEARS, OVER HALF THE

*(rest of speech same as one given 5-11-67)
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