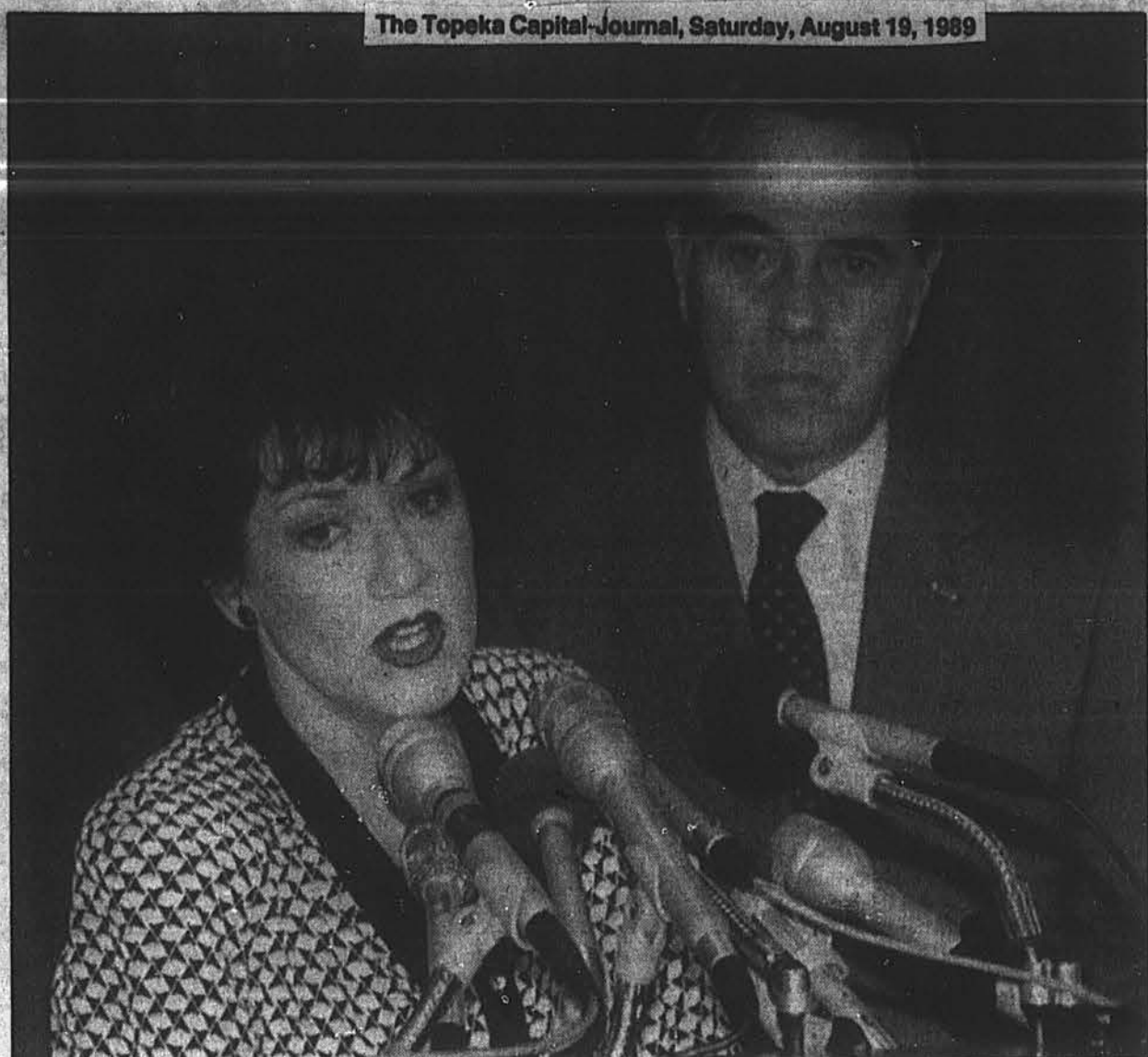


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Dole cautious about Poland

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republican leader Bob Dole said Friday there are "some tough days ahead" for Poland despite enthusiasm over the emergence of the nation's first non-Communist government in almost half a century.

Dole spoke just before he and his wife, Labor Secretary Elizabeth Dole, left on a 10-day trip to Poland and three other countries from Andrews Air Force Base in suburban Maryland.

In Warsaw, the Doles will deliver letters from President Bush to Polish President Wojciech Jaruzelski and Solidarity leader Lech Walesa.

In Kennebunkport, Maine, where Bush is vacationing, White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said the letters were "letters of greeting" from Bush to Walesa and the government leaders in the countries the Doles are visiting.

Fitzwater said the letters merely conveyed the president's best wishes and were not policy-oriented.

The couple is also scheduled to visit earthquake-torn Soviet Armenia, where they will deliver relief and rehabilitation supplies furnished by Project Hope, a private charitable organization.

The trip to Poland comes in the wake of the naming of a new prime minister in Warsaw.

Asked how he views the situation, Dole said, "I think right now it's a time of great excitement and expectations. But I do believe that if you look at it realistically, there are some tough days ahead."

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On their 10-day trip, Bob and Elizabeth Dole are to make stops in Poland, Soviet Armenia, Morocco and the Netherlands.

credit or discredit, depending on what happens with the economy," Dole said.

While in Poland next Thursday and Friday, Elizabeth Dole will talk with government and Solidarity officials about implementation of U.S. technical assistance programs announced during Bush's recent visit to Poland.

The couple will visit Morocco and will wind up their trip Aug. 28 with a visit to the Netherlands and talks with Queen Beatrix.

At least 25,000 people were killed in the Dec. 7 earthquake in Armenia that injured 31,000 and left more than 100,000 homeless.

Project Hope, based in Millwood, Va., said the Doles would deliver medical equipment and supplies valued at \$50,000.

Also visiting the Soviet Union next week will be a congressional delegation exploring ways of increasing U.S. agricultural exports to the Soviets.

Leading the delegation will be Rep. Kika de la Garza, D-Texas, who said the visit would let the Americans "see first-hand the progress of Mr. (Mikhail) Gorbachev's economic reforms, particularly in the agricultural sector."

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In other developments Saturday:

■ Railroad workers in Lodz, under pressure from Walesa, ended a one-day strike and sent an appeal to Mazowiecki, "our premier," asking him to satisfy their pay demands. The railroad strike concluded at 12:01 a.m.

■ Walesa met in Gdansk with the Doles, who delivered a letter of greeting from Bush.

"I am very satisfied," Walesa said after the meeting. "In the United States there is great interest in Poland now, and I hope these visits which are so numerous recently will help encouraged investors to get involved in Poland."

He said he was giving the Doles a letter for Bush asking for increased U.S. economic involvement in Poland to match the faster pace of reforms going on.

But Elizabeth Dole said after the meeting she did not foresee immediate financial aid beyond the \$119 million that Bush offered during a visit to Poland in July.



Friendly gesture

Kansas Sen. Bob Dole, left, and his wife, Labor Secretary Elizabeth Dole, stand hand-in-hand with Solidarity leader Lech Walesa during a meeting in Warsaw Saturday. The Doles have met with

leaders of Poland's new government, and Mrs. Dole said the United States will consider new ways to aid the Polish people, although she mentioned no specifics. See Page 8.

Walesa: Low living standards may mean collapse

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Solidarity leader Lech Walesa said Sunday that the nation's historic political and economic reforms will collapse unless Poles' living standards improve within six months to a year.

"Society's patience has its limits. It is so bad that if there is no visible effect (of reform) in half-a-year to a year then everything will collapse," Walesa said in a telephone interview.

"In my opinion they (Poles) will not stand any more of it," he said. He said another wave of strikes could result, or society could lose

confidence in the Solidarity labor movement's ability to initiate change.

Walesa said he issued the same warning during a meeting in Gdansk on Sunday with Norbert Blum, West Germany's labor and social affairs minister.

The new Solidarity-led government of Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki, the first non-Communist leader of a Soviet bloc nation, has been urging Western nations to increase economic investment in Poland.

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Poland is beset by chronic food shortages and a \$39 billion foreign debt. The nation has begun free-market reforms, such as relaxing price controls, that in the short term are likely to result in a drop in living standards.

Solidarity, by iuring Western aid, is seeking to make the tough sacrifices needed to bail out the economy as palatable as possible.

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Kryuchkov turned up without prior public announcement Saturday and first met with Communist President Wojciech Jaruzelski and the acting interior minister, Gen.

Czeslaw Kiszczak, whom Mazowiecki replaced as prime minister. Kiszczak then accompanied Kryuchkov to the meeting with Mazowiecki.

On Friday, Mazowiecki met with the Soviet Union's ambassador to Poland, Vladimir Brovnikov, one day after he took office.

The installation of a non-Communist-led government in Poland has been greeted with concern

but apparent acceptance in Moscow, although many of the practical ramifications have not been worked out.

Mazowiecki has said that under his Solidarity-led government the Communist Party will retain the defense and interior ministries and that Poland will maintain its obligations to the Warsaw Pact and Comecon, the East bloc economic alliance.

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Dole: USDA may decide wheat penalty issue soon

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., said Wednesday the Agriculture Department should decide this week how to calculate disaster relief payments to winter wheat farmers who planted a second crop on this year's failed acreage.

Under a newly enacted disaster relief program, producers face reductions in their assistance payments if they planted another crop to replace one ruined by a weather-related disaster.

Dole, in a statement, said he was optimistic that USDA would treat Kansas farmers fairly and take into account the costs of production of the second crop.

The relief program requires USDA to reduce payments to farmers by the value of any crop that replaced one ruined by bad weather and for which disaster payments are made.

The provision was advanced by Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., to prevent producers from receiving double benefits — collecting government payments for a ruined crop and earning a profit from the sales of the replacement crop planted on the same land.

Kansas lawmakers say the provision will affect wheat farmers in the state because many planted milo after their wheat crops failed from drought and freezing temperatures.

Dole, who just returned from a trip abroad, said it would be wrong to use gross receipts in determining the value of the replacement crop "because many farmers incurred heavy production expenses and may not get much of a second crop on their failed acres."

In the statement, which was issued after Dole talked by telephone with Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yentler, the senator said "the department agreed that it would be unfair not to deduct out reasonable production expenses."

Kelly Shipp, a spokesman for Yentler, confirmed that Dole had talked with the secretary and that a decision on the issue could be made this week. However, she would not comment on the contents of the conversation.

Rep. Dan Glickman, D-Kan., has urged Yentler not to make reductions in payments to wheat farmers for planting replacement crops.

The disaster relief law, which was enacted earlier this month, directs USDA to "take into account historic cropping practices of producers" before making payment reductions, according to Glickman.



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