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Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, D. C.

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Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kansas) in a newsletter to constituents commented on facts and figures concerning disposition of the taxpayer's money.

Dole noted, "there is no clear answer to the endless talk about 'federal funds', 'federal aid', 'cost sharing', 'Washington will pay','a government grant', except to state bluntly it is your money--'the taxpayers' funds'. Washington pays for nothing. The taxpayer pays every penny for everything and a 'government grant' is a gift from the taxpayers while a federal payroll is the taxpayers' payroll."

Highlights contained in the newsletter were:

- 1. In the First Congressional District of Kansas there have been 59 new Post Office facilities constructed during the period from July 1958 to March 26, 1963. In explaining the total annual rental Dole noted it was now \$242,474 for the 59 new facilities compared with \$43,018 for the 59 old facilities. Dole stated, "It is important taxpayers be informed of increased expenditures resulting from improved facilities in your Congressional DistrictAs taxpayers you should be aware of the cost involved and of the impact on future postal rates."
- 2. In 9 Farm Ownership Loans the government has loaned \$224,740 and of the total \$119,959 was loaned for recreation purposes, including 4 golf courses, campsites, playgrounds, swimming and fishing facilities. These loans are made under the Cropland Diversion Program, passed by Congress last year in order to convert cropland to other uses. Dole noted that only 9 loans had been made as of May 6 and doubted "a section of land" had been converted.
- 3. In commenting on his vote against the State, Justice, Commerce, and Judiciary Appropriation Bill for 1964, he noted:
- (a) In the tiny country of Libreville, Africa (population 23,000) already 86 Americans are employed by one government agency or another.
- (b) The Director of the U.S. Travel Service last year "purchased 200 sets of cuff links and 24 bracelets at a total cost of \$2,141 for gifts to individuals in a position to 'influence travel' to the U.S. To top it off, he paid \$287 commission 'for professional views on the type of gifts that would be suitable'".
- (c) This same agency also "spent \$415,072 to establish six plush over-seas travel offices and, believe it or not, \$192,000 of the amount was spent for planning and supervision, \$155,185 for alterations and decorations and \$67,197 for furnishings and equipment. In other words, taxpayers spent \$192,690 to plan and supervise the spending of \$220,382."
- 4. "Over 50-million individuals are now receiving federal payments each year totaling more than \$50-billion, and one out of every 10 tax dollars goes to pay just the interest on money already borrowed."