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Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kansas) took issue today with the "Departure Statement" issued by Secretary of Agriculture, Orville Freeman, before he (Freeman) took off by plane for a month long visit to Russia, Poland, Romania, Bulgaria, and Yugoslavia, all Communist countries.

Dole stated "Freeman's statement clearly indicates the trip is unnecessary, particularly so at a time when nearly every agricultural commodity in the country is in deep trouble. If the Secretary can spare thirty days visiting Communist leaders in five Communist countries, it would appear he might spend perhaps thirty minutes visiting with each Republican Member of the House and Senate Agriculture Committees concerning American farm problems, instead of directing government-paid press agents who crank out press releases condemning Republicans in Congress who demand more freedom for the American farmer.

"I trust his sojourn, if nothing else, will illustrate to both him and his traveling companion, Dr. Willard Cochrane, that a tightly controlled agriculture will not solve American agricultural problems."

Dole noted there are already USDA representatives in each of the countries Freeman, Cochrane and company will visit, but exclaimed he was at a loss to know what they were doing, how many there were, and the total cost to the U. S. taxpayer.

"Speculation grows," Dole said, "the President is putting Orville 'on ice' temporarily in hopes the farmers of America will cool off before November 1964. Despite speculation, the fact remains Freeman's first responsibility is to the American farmer--of both parties--not big city Democrat leadership. Perhaps Attorney General Robert Kennedy will take over in Freeman's absence as he is always available as an expert on everything, Cuba and Civil Rights included. I'm certain he must have a ready-made solution to cure all farm ills."

Noting Moscow (Russia) will be Freeman's first stop, Dole pointed out that if Freeman has such a yen to visit Moscow, he might travel to Moscow, Kansas, in southwest Kansas.

"Many wheat farmers in that area, which is in my district, have questions which must be answered immediately. If he prefers some other state, he could find a Moscow in Idaho (potato country), Arkansas (Rice country), Iowa (corn country), Michigan (dairy farming country), Texas (cotton country)--not to mention the Moscos in Vermont, Tennessee, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Maine."