

DOLE HITS SUGAR CONTROLS

Congressman Bob Dole, (R-Kans.), said today that Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman's decision yesterday to impose acreage controls on the 1965 crop of sugar beets was a vicious blow to the economy of ~~The 1st District of~~ Kansas *← where there are 19 sugar-producing countries.*

Dole, a member of the House Agriculture Committee, charged that Secretary Freeman double-crossed Kansas sugar growers by reversing his previous announcement, made in 1963, that there would be no acreage restrictions on sugar beets in 1965.

Yesterday the Department of Agriculture announced that the national sugar beet acreage limitation for 1965 would be 1,375,000 acres.

"This means," Dole explained, "an across-the-board cut of 6 percent below 1964 and a cut of 11 percent for established growers."

"It also means," Dole continued, "that Kansas will not be able to develop any new sugar beet areas or take in any new sugar beet producers next year."

Dole said he was very surprised that the Secretary reversed his earlier position and said he could not recall ~~any~~ a Secretary of Agriculture ever doing such a thing before.

"At the same time Secretary Freeman was cutting back U. S. production, he announced that foreign sugar quotas would stay in effect at about the same levels as in 1964." "But," Dole added, "the Secretary announced that no effort will be made to collect import fees on the incoming foreign sugar, thus giving foreigners a windfall at the expense of the U. S. treasury."

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"This shabby treatment of the U. S. sugar producer must be brought to an end," Dole said. "The next Congress should take immediate steps to allow the U. S. beet industry to prosper and grow," Dole concluded.