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CONGRESSMAN DOLE TO FOOD AND AGRICULTURE CONFERENCE

Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kans) has been named to represent the United States House of Representatives at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Rome, Italy, by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, John W. McCormack, and the House Republican leader, Congressman Gerald R. Ford. The conference will begin on November 20 and end on December 10.

"I am indeed honored to have this opportunity. The conference is of particular importance this year, as the eyes of the Free World are focused upon the acute and threatening world shortage of food," Dole said. "Since Congress will be considering Public Law 480, (commonly known as the "Food for Peace" program), next year, the knowledge gained at this meeting will be particularly valuable to me as a member of the House Committee on Agriculture."

Congressman Dole is also a member of the Republican Task Force on Agriculture. He has devoted considerable time this year to exploring ways of aiding Free World countries meet their food needs and on October 15 introduced a measure to establish a U. S. World Food Study Commission. In introducing the bill, he said, "This could be a real opportunity for American agriculture to realize its great potential if plans are wisely made and laid. A bipartisan food study commission could very well prove to be the spark needed to help bring food to the hungry mouths of the world and a new health and economic vitality to all segments of U. S. agriculture."

"There is sufficient evidence to raise serious question whether past U. S. agricultural assistance and give-away programs have not sometimes brought more harm than good both to the recipient countries and to U. S. farmers. We must not rush blindly into a gigantic 'feed the hungry world' project which would accomplish just the opposite of its objective by magnifying old mistakes and compounding past failures," Dole concluded.

The assignment will have special significance for Congressman Dole, since it was in Italy he suffered serious combat wounds on April 14, 1945. At that time, Dole was a platoon leader in the 10th Mountain Infantry Division, and the wounds sustained required 39 months of hospitalization. Dole indicated that if time permits, he plans to retrace the movements of the 10th Mountain Division. "Needless to say," Dole added "my last visit to Italy has never been and never will be forgotten."

In addition to Dole, other members of Congress attending the conference are Senators George McGovern (S. Dak.), Jack Miller (Iowa), and Gaylord Nelson (Wisc.); and Representative Alec Olson from Minnesota.