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Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kans) was one of approximately 20 Members of Congress who attended a dinner hosted by Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman Monday evening honoring Mr. C. Subramanian, Minister of Food and Agriculture for India.

Dole, who represents America's largest wheat-producing district, stated the purpose of the dinner meeting was to discuss food needs in India and the urgent need for United States assistance. "Mr. Subramanian made it clear, and I share his views, that India has the responsibility of becoming self sufficient, but the problem in the meantime is to avert the threat of a famine and the United States is the only country, in his opinion, with sufficient surpluses and reserves to aid India," said Dole.

It was pointed out by Dole that India needs approximately 97 million metric tons of food grains just to feed her 500 million people. In 1966 it is anticipated India will produce only about 78 million metric tons, and thus there will be a deficit of 19 million tons which must be acquired from other sources. If starvation is to be prevented, the United States must double her efforts and, even though we are willing to do so, the entire matter is complicated by transportation and distribution problems.

Mr. Subramanian assured Congressman Dole and others present that famine could be averted if other countries react as the U. S. has in making food available. India's problem has become acute because of widespread drought. "If we double our shipments to India, and I certainly feel we should," Dole concluded, "this one country alone would be consuming about one-third of U. S. wheat production or nearly as much as Americans themselves consume."