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Congressman Bob Dole today proposed the creation of a "bread and butter corps" to aid free world countries in developing their agriculture industries. Dole stated, "Because it is quite obvious that American agriculture productivity cannot accommodate the food needs of the world for any great length of time in the future, two principal things must be done in order to bring the production of food into line with the increasing world population. First of all," Dole said, "the agricultural productivity of the developing nations must be improved, and secondly the developed nations together -- not America alone -- must join hands in assisting the developing nations meet their food needs.

"Much of the answer in solving the problem of increased agricultural productivity in developing nations depends upon increasing technological skills in these countries, and I, therefore, suggest the creation of a "bread and butter corps" composed of highly trained technicians. These experts would be available to developing countries throughout the world to teach farmers in these countries how to draw the most in production from the soil. Agricultural colleges located at our land grant universities throughout the country are eminently equipped to provide the required technicians both in the present and for the future. The federal government could play an important part in stimulating participation in this activity by providing a modest subsidy to these colleges and universities who would provide and train the technicians."

Dole indicated he would discuss his proposal in detail when he addresses the American National Cattlemen's Association in Kansas City, Missouri, on January 25, 1966. He added that he was working on an amendment which he would offer when the House Committee on Agriculture, of which he is a member, considers the extension of Public Law 480, commonly known as the "food for peace" program.

Dole concluded, "The important thing is to transmit American 'knowhow' to developing countries."