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Congressman Bob Dole, (R-Kans), a featured speaker at the 69th annual convention of the American National Cattlemen's Association in Kansas City, Missouri, today called for the creation of, what he termed, a "Bread and Butter Corps", under the jurisdiction of the United States Department of Agriculture to teach the people of food-short, free world countries how to increase agricultural production. Dole stated, "Many of these emerging nations have the soil, the manpower and the climate to produce enough food for their own needs. What they lack primarily is technical "know how" which could be supplied by us at relatively small cost. In other words, we would introduce the farmers of these countries to the aspects of extension service, the valuable connecting link between "know nothing" and "know something".

Congressman Dole pointed out that extreme care should be exercised in developing the program and suggested that an accelerated program be devised to provide a supply of technicians with the help and cooperation of land grant institutions throughout the country. He said, "The technicians need not necessarily have a college degree -- but they would be highly trained to meet the demands of their assigned country or countries. Perhaps an intensified and accelerated program could properly prepare a technician in the "Bread and Butter Corps" in one or two years. Only qualified persons would be assigned to a country, and the "finished product" could conceivably come from any walk of life prior to training -- though farmers and others engaged in the field of agriculture might offer the best hope initially."

Dole also called upon other developed nations to join forces with the United States in providing technical "know how" and added, "developed countries must stand ready to open the doors on their bins of surplus to the developing countries. America must not act alone to fill empty stomachs while others act only to fill their purses."

In other comments to stockmen of some 40 states attending the convention, Dole called for a national stockpile of basic foods "stored in rural areas near where they are produced and controlled only by our own government, not the United Nations or any other international group".

In his opening remarks, he criticized the Administration for "manipulating" grain prices through release of Commodity Credit Corporation stocks. The "dumping" practices are designed to place a ceiling on the price of wheat. It is not the duty of the Secretary of Agriculture to beat down farm prices to drive farmers into compliance with government programs. "It is his responsibility," Dole added, "to help protect our marketing system so that farmers can earn a fair rate in the market place rather than having to depend upon a government check." He warned stockmen that they are "still subject to the fall-out from supply-management plans for other commodities."