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DOLE INTRODUCES

"BREAD AND BUTTER CORPS" PROPOSAL

Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kansas) today introduced a bill, which if enacted, would create a "Bread and Butter Corps".

"Under the new proposal," Dole said, "the Department of Agriculture would coordinate and accelerate the export of America's most valuable product --- our farm 'know how' and 'show how'".

The "Bread and Butter Corps" would consist of volunteers who are either formally trained in agriculture and home economics or have practical experience in these fields. These volunteers would be trained in cooperation with the land grant colleges and other institutions of higher learning for service overseas in under-developed nations.

Under the bill, the Department of Agriculture would establish the standards for membership in the Corps, but the land grant and other colleges would do the training, conduct the educational institutes and develop necessary research and demonstration programs.

Congressman Dole said he intended to offer his bill as an amendment to Public Law 480, the Food For Peace program, now under consideration by the House Committee on Agriculture of which he is a member.

"America must do everything in its power to ward off the tragedy of world famine that threatens," said Congressman Dole. "In our eagerness to provide humanitarian relief, however, we must not make the mistake of getting food-needy countries dependent upon us for continuous handouts --- America's bread basket is just not big enough to feed a hungry world for any substance of time into the future. My bill is based on a 'self help' concept, quite consistent with the American tradition of helping those in need to help themselves."

Bread and Butter Corpsmen who go abroad under this training program would operate in such a way as to bring the greatest training benefits with the least interference with national cultures. They would train cadres of farm specialists from the food deficit country concerned who would, in turn, be expected to teach

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their country's farmers such simple skills as the proper use of good seeds and the efficient application of fertilizers. In addition, there would be training in simple agricultural skills, which would set the stage for the application of more advanced and technological agricultural skills at some later period. These newly-learned skills would, in the meantime, contribute to the immediate pressing need of expanded agricultural production.

Dole said he also favored the concept that countries taking part in this program would be required to show improvement in their agricultural techniques, and the Secretary of Agriculture would establish production guides as standards for program participation. In addition, the Secretary of Agriculture would cooperate with the Secretary of State in getting other friendly nations to set up similar types of training programs, these to be coordinated with the ones conducted by the United States. This would use the "share of burden" approach and would get away from the concept of expecting Uncle Sam to do it all alone.

Mr. Dole indicated that he had made a particular effort to prevent the training functions of his bill from duplicating or overlapping any other agricultural training functions presently being carried out in foreign nations under United States sponsorship. The "Bread and Butter Corps" services would not be assigned to any particular country unless there was approval for such services from the U. S. Secretary of State.

The precise character of the training programs would be determined by the Secretary of Agriculture through contracts, grants and cooperative consultation with the agricultural faculty of the Land Grant Colleges. In general, heavy emphasis would be placed on the laboratory, extension - and practical experience phases of agricultural training; however, these training programs sometimes would be tailored to fit what might be considered quite unique agricultural circumstances of a specific foreign country.

The American agricultural volunteers under this program would be considered employees of the United States Government. They would receive such health examinations and health care deemed essential to their well being in the conduct of their duties. They would be paid in accord with a specific grade of the general schedule of the Classification Act, this grade and the associated salary being considered by the Secretary of Agriculture to be consonant with the duties performed by these volunteers.

"With the prospect of another billion people being born during the next 15 years, it is obvious that a substantial effort to improve food production, particularly in the underdeveloped areas of the world, must be made, and I sincerely hope that the "Bread and Butter Corps" can play an effective and helpful role in that effort," Dole concluded.

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To establish a "Bread and Butter Corps" for the purpose of implementing the foreign policy of the United States by strengthening the agricultural economies of friendly nations, improving agricultural skills and knowledge in such nations, promoting world peace and friendship, and combatting the threat of world food shortages.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, Public Law 480, 83rd Congress, as amended, is amended as follows:

(A) Section 104, as amended, is further amended by substituting a semicolon for the period at the end of paragraph (t) and adding the following new paragraph:

"(u) in such amounts as Congress may from time to time provide in appropriations acts for the expenses of agricultural volunteers serving in the "Bread and Butter Corps" established pursuant to Title V of this Act."

(B) By adding at the end thereof the following new title:

"TITLE V -----THE BREAD AND BUTTER CORPS"

Short Title

Sec. 501. This title may be cited as the "Bread and Butter Corps Act of 1966."

Declaration of Purpose

Sec. 502. The Congress of the United States hereby declares it is the policy of the United States and the purpose of this title to implement the foreign policy of the United States by the establishment of a "Bread and Butter Corps" dedicated to strengthening the agricultural economies of friendly nations, improving agricultural skills and knowledge in such nations, promoting world peace and friendship, and combatting the threat of world food shortages.

Establishment of Bread and Butter Corps

Sec. 503.

(a) There is hereby established within the United States Department of Agriculture and within the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture an agency to be known as the "Bread and Butter Corps".

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(b) To the maximum extent practicable the Secretary shall coordinate the activities and programs of the Federal Extension Service, the Federal State Cooperative Research Service, the 4-H Club program, and the Foreign Agricultural Service together with the other agencies of the Department of Agriculture with the functions and activities of the "Bread and Butter Corps".

(c) To the maximum extent practicable the Secretary shall consult and cooperate with the Director of the Peace Corps, the Administrator of the Agency for International Development, the Secretary of State, the Director General of the Food and Agricultural Organization, and other agencies of the United States government or international organizations concerning the effective use of agricultural volunteers in furtherance of the purposes of this Act.

(d) Nothing in this title shall be construed to prevent the assignment of members of the "Bread and Butter Corps" for duty with the Peace Corps or the Agency for International Development or such other agency of the United States government that the President may direct. Nothing in this title shall be construed to infringe upon the powers or functions of the Secretary of State.

Sec. 504. The Secretary may upon such terms and conditions as he deems necessary, either make grants to or enter into contracts with the various land grant colleges and universities or other publicly-supported institutions of higher learning for the following:

(a) The recruitment, training or re-training and education of United States citizens volunteering for service in the "Bread and Butter Corps", including the study of the applicable foreign languages, local laws, customs, practices, economic and social conditions, or other subjects which have a direct practical application to the attainment of the purposes of this title; and

(b) The establishment of agricultural institutes, either in the United States or in friendly nations for the purpose of further training and educating agricultural volunteers and foreign nationals in the arts and sciences of modern farming.

(c) The conduct of specialized and localized research and demonstration activities to promote the advance of new and improved techniques in the fields of home economics and agricultural production, handling, storage, marketing and distribution of food.

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(d) The Secretary shall not enter into contracts nor make any grants to a single land grant college or other institution of higher learning under this title in excess of a total of \$330,000 during any fiscal year.

Administrative Provisions

Sec. 305. Eligibility and Requirements for service in the "Bread and Butter Corps":

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the Secretary shall establish by such rules and regulations as he deems necessary the conditions for eligibility and retention in and dismissal from the "Bread and Butter Corps", together with the terms, length and nature of service, compensation, the nations to which agricultural volunteers will be assigned, and the duties to be performed. Provided, That the total tuition and other costs exclusive of compensation for each agricultural volunteer shall not exceed \$5,000.

(b) All persons volunteering for service in the "Bread and Butter Corps" shall be citizens of the United States who by reason of professional training or education or by virtue of practical farming experience are knowledgeable in the arts and sciences of agriculture and home economics.

(c) Agricultural volunteers shall be deemed to be employees of the United States Government for the purposes of the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (39 Stat. 742). For the purposes of that Act--

(1) Such persons shall be deemed to be receiving monthly pay at any rate provided for by a specific grade of the general schedule established by the Classification Act of 1949, as amended, as determined by the Secretary.

(2) Any injury suffered by an agricultural volunteer during any time when he is located abroad shall be deemed to have been sustained while in the performance of his duty and any disease contracted during such time shall be deemed to have been proximately caused by his employment, unless such injury or disease is caused by willful misconduct of the agricultural volunteer or by the agricultural volunteer's intention to bring about the injury or death of himself or another, or unless intoxication of the injured is the proximate cause of the injury or death.

(d) Agricultural volunteers shall receive such health care during their service, and such health examinations and immunization preparatory to

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their service, as the Secretary may deem necessary. Health care, examinations, and immunization may be provided for agricultural volunteers in any facility of any agency of the United States Government, and in such cases the appropriation for maintaining and operating such facility shall be reimbursed from appropriations available under this title.

(e) Any period of satisfactory service of an agricultural volunteer pursuant to this title shall be credited in connection with subsequent employment in the same manner as a like period of civilian employment by the United States Government ---

(A) for the purposes of the Civil Service Retirement Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. 2251), et seq.), section 852(a)(1) of the Foreign Service Act of 1946, as amended (22 U.S.C. 1092 (a)(1), and every other Act establishing a retirement for civilian employees of any United States Government agency; and

(B) except as otherwise determined by the Secretary, for the purposes of determining seniority, reduction in force, and lay-off rights, leave entitlement, and other rights and privileges based upon length of service under the laws administered by the Civil Service Commission, the Foreign Service Act of 1946, and every other Act establishing or governing terms and conditions of service of civilian employees of the United States Government.

(f) Agricultural volunteers shall be deemed employees of the United States Government for the purposes of the Federal Tort Claims Act and any other Federal tort liability statute, and for the purposes of section 1 of the Act of June 4, 1920 (41 Stat. 750), as amended (22 U.S.C. 214).

(g) Upon enrollment in the "Bread and Butter Corps", every agricultural volunteer shall take the oath prescribed for persons appointed to any office of honor or profit by section 1757 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended (5 U.S.C. 16), and shall swear (or affirm) that he does not advocate the overthrow of our constitutional form of government in the United States, and that he is not a member of the Communist Party or any other organization that advocates the overthrow of our constitutional form of government in the United States, knowing that such organization so advocates.

(h) All persons employed or assigned to duties under this Act shall be investigated to insure that the employment or assignment is consistent with

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the national interest in accordance with standards and procedures established by the Secretary. If an investigation made pursuant to this section develops any data reflecting that the person who is the subject of the investigation is of questionable loyalty or is a questionable security risk, the investigating agency shall refer the matter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the conduct of a full field investigation. The results of that full field investigation shall be furnished to the initial investigating agency, and to the agency by which the subject person is employed, for information and appropriate action. Agricultural volunteers shall be deemed employees of the United States Government for the purpose of this section.

(i) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law or regulation, service in the "Bread and Butter Corps" shall not in any way exempt an agricultural volunteer from the performance of any obligations or duties under the provisions of the Universal Military Training and Service Act.

Sec. 506. Report to Congress

In addition to the annual report submitted to Congress pursuant to section 108 of this Act, the Secretary shall, prior to January 1, 1967, and each year thereafter, submit to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry of the Senate a report reflecting the progress and accomplishments of the "Bread and Butter Corps", together with such recommendations for more effectively achieving the purposes of this title as he may deem necessary or desirable.

Sec. 507. Appropriations

There are hereby authorized to be appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1966, and for each of the four fiscal years thereafter such sums as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act, but in no event more than \$33,000,000 during any fiscal year. To the maximum extent practicable, expenditures incurred in carrying out the purposes of this title shall be paid for in local currencies generated by the sales of agricultural commodities under title I of this Act.