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SPECIAL MISSION TO INDIA

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India has requested additional U. S. grain, primarily wheat, because of a prolonged drought in north central India. There is growing concern, in and out of the Administration, that our country alone can no longer supply India's food needs. For six years, the world has been consuming more grain than it has produced. American farm surpluses have been almost eliminated, except for cotton and tobacco and this year, for example, about 1 of every 4 bushels of wheat produced in the United States will be shipped to India to prevent mass famine. It is not certain how much will be needed next year, but it does appear, in face of the drought, the demand will exceed U. S. capabilities. "While I have no preconceived solution, it does appear that a long range program should be adopted and other developed countries should also contribute to India's needs; at the same time, ^{recognizing} ~~requiring~~ that everything possible must be done by our country to prevent famine in India or elsewhere in the world," Dole stated.

The schedule in India will include sessions with U.S. and Indian officials, a first-hand view of some of the famine threatened areas, and inspection of the Indian grain receiving and distribution systems to determine what percent of U.S. food aid actually reaches those in famine threatened areas.

Prior to departure, Congressman Dole will be briefed by U. S. Department of Agriculture officials. On Thursday, Dole met with Fred W. Devine, Deputy Executive Director of CARE, Inc., and Mr. George D. Taylor, CARE Mission Chief for India to discuss the gravity of the situation there. Also on Thursday a conference was held with Gordon P. Boals, Director of Export Programs, Millers' National Federation, with reference to the advisability of providing wheat products such as flour and bulgur to India in the immediate future.

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