

BOB DOLE
DISTRICT, KANSAS

HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
AREA CODE 202
225-2715

COMMITTEES:
AGRICULTURE
MENT OPERATIONS

DISTRICT OFFICE:
FEDERAL BUILDING
SON, KANSAS 67501

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

September 23, 1967

COUNTIES:
BARBER HODGEMAN RAWLINS
BARTON JEWELL RENO
CHEYENNE KEARNY REPUBLIC
CLARK KINGMAN RICE
CLOUD KIOWA ROOKS
COMANCHE LANE RUSH
DECATUR LOGAN RUSSELL
EDWARDS LINCOLN SALINE
ELLIS MEADE SCOTT
ELLSWORTH MITCHELL SEWARD
FINNEY MORTON SHERIDAN
FORD NESS SHERMAN
GOVE NORTON SMITH
GRAHAM OSBORNE STAFFORD
GRANT OTTAWA STANTON
GRAY PAWNEE STEVENS
GREELEY PHILLIPS THOMAS
HAMILTON PRATT TREGO
HARPER WALLACE
HASKELL WICHITA

called to AP 1-262-2575 (Wichita)
" " UPI 1-816-471-2070 (Kansas
City)

NEWS RELEASE Liberal, Kansas September 23, 1967

Congressman Bob Dole, (R-Kans.) speaking at an Agricultural Economic Conference at Liberal today, indicated the future economic development of Southwest Kansas depends largely on continued utilization and expansion of underground water reserves in that area.

Dole pointed out that over 800,000 acres in 19 southwest counties are presently under irrigation.

"With this development in irrigation," Dole said, "we have witnessed steady advances in the production of grain sorghums, of corn for silage, and of alfalfa. We have witnessed a proliferation of beef population in the southwest. Rapid expansion of the feed lot and meat packing industries complements the Agribusiness package in the area."

The First District Congressman asserted one of the critical problems facing farmers in this and other areas is a shortage of capital, and that an acute need for low interest money exists.

Congressman Dole speaking later today at a meeting of the Anadarko Chapter of the Society of American Petroleum Engineers, also at Liberal, emphasized the need for a continuing source of domestic oil for national defense. Dole pointed out the recent middle east war brought on the need for a strong, dynamic petroleum industry in the United States.