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WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 20 -- Congressman Bob Dole today urged modification of Public Law 480 (Food for Peace program) to assure fair and adequate domestic farm prices.

Dole, a ranking member of the House Agriculture Committee, spoke at the second International Conference on War on Hunger here.

Pointing out American farmers suffered a cut of about \$1.9 billion in net income in 1967, Dole said, "The American farmer must receive fair and adequate compensation for his contributions to the P.L. 480 program."

"Why should a grain producer be expected to accept a cut-rate price for the grain that goes as food for peace when no one else in that processing and marketing chain accepts less than a standard fee for their services?", Dole asked.

"The program should be used as an instrument to boost market prices, not depress them," the Kansas Congressman added.

Urging renewal of P. L. 480 which expires this year, Dole said the program should also:

- \* encourage more free enterprise and self-help in the developing nations;
- \* accelerate development of commercial agricultural exports in the private sector;
- \* provide more technical assistance in the developing nations, and
- \* recognize the serious fiscal strains on the dollar.