

FROM: CONGRESSMAN BOB DOLE

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CALDWELL, KANSAS.....Bob Dole, Republican candidate for the U. S. Senate, said here today the ultimate purpose of the vicious aggression of the Soviet Union against Czechoslovakia was to crush Czech hopes for human freedom and dignity. Dole made his statement in connection with the celebration of Czech Day at the Sumner County Fair.

Dole praised the Czech people for their efforts to regain freedom and liberty.

"In the last 50 years," Dole said, "the Czechs have developed an intense passion for self-determination, for independence, and for freedom and the dignity of the individual. These passions -- paralleling our own respected traditions -- have been forged in the fires of adversity from the beginning."

Dole said, "The Russians' over reaction to Czech liberalization will destroy much of the remaining influence the Russians might have in the free world and could also cause the Russians serious problems in the Communist world."