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In remarks at the Ford County Farm Bureau last night, Congressman Bob Dole, Republican candidate for the U. S. Senate, stated that agriculture was not failing the nation, but the nation, and particularly the Johnson-Freeman-Humphrey Administration, is failing the farmer.

Dole stated it was time for a change because after eight years of Freeman policies, American agriculture is in grave trouble. Dole said during the 1960 campaign and in 1961 when Secretary Freeman assumed office, many promises were made, including the following:

- (1) to adjust supply to demand for each commodity so that the total supply moved through the market at a parity income price.
- (2) to compute parity income prices for each commodity.
- (3) to raise farm prices to parity income levels.
- (4) to establish and maintain a fo reserve for national defense purposes.
- (5) to make loans on basic commodities at not less than 90 percent of parity.

Dole stated that these were but a few of the many political promises made, none of which have been kept, and in fact the Freeman policies have meant liquidation of 800,000 farms and the highest interest rates to farmers in history. Since Freeman assumed office, Dole pointed out, Kansas alone has lost about 18,000 farms.

"This Administration", said Dole, "has in fact been anti-farmer and anti-rural America, and the Secretary of Agriculture has consistently used surpluses to hold down farm prices and to compel participation in various Freeman farm programs.

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"The most recent effort by this Administration to control prices was the Freeman proposal to create what he called a 'grain reserve'. This phony reserve bill was not in the best interests of the farmer and was defeated in the Senate by a 2 to 1 margin with both Democrats and Republicans voting against it. Had this measure passed, Freeman could have further depressed farm prices, and it seems strange to me that my opponent indicates he would have supported such an income robbing proposal."

What I Am For

Dole stated that if elected to the Senate, he would work with the next Administration to end the Freeman policy of dumping hundreds of millions of bushels of grain on the market to drive prices down. In addition, he said he would support the following:

- (1) stepped up Food for Peace agreements and shipments and appointment of a White House level Food for Peace Administrator.
- (2) an announcement to the world that the United States will be a tough competitor and will not stand idly by while other countries acquire our export markets.
- (3) the right of farmers to have a greater say over marketing terms, conditions and prices of their products.
- (4) bringing new industry, new jobs, and new job training to rural America.
- (5) stimulation of exports and where necessary to protect American agriculture, imposition of quotas on livestock and other agricultural commodities.

Dole concluded by saying that American agriculture stands today as a triumph of economic accomplishment but that the next Administration must move quickly to avert disaster caused by policies pursued in the past eight years.