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Colby, Kansas.....Speaking at a Republican dinner meeting in Colby tonight, Congressman Bob Dole, Republican candidate for the U. S. Senate, stated that the American farmer is on the ropes after 8 years of neglect by the Johnson-Humphrey-Freeman Administration. "The farmer," he continued, "has been the forgotten American in the so-called 'Great Society' and the past 8 years he has witnessed declining farm prices, while at the same time experiencing increased cost of the things he must purchase. Interest rates to farmers are the highest in a hundred years and farm debt has nearly doubled."

Dole charged that his wealthy opponent is promising farmers more of the same and that he will vote for anything advocated by Democrats, whether or not it is good for the farmer. "His public utterances," Dole charged, "indicate that he would be an even bigger spender than Hubert Humphrey and that he would vote for every bill that came to Congress, regardless of its cost."

"I don't believe," said Dole, "the American people are ready for federal takeover of agriculture, education, small business, medicine, or other areas that have been heretofore the responsibility of the individual or local and state governments."