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WASHINGTON, D.C., JULY 16 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole, at a luncheon meeting with Secretary of Agriculture Clifford Hardin, discussed farm problems and programs in general.

Dole said he was hopeful hearings would be held this year in both the Senate and House of Representatives on possible agricultural programs.

Other topics discussed were the rural telephone bank bill which "the Secretary strongly supports", said Dole who introduced the bill in the Senate recently; supplemental financing proposals for rural electric co-operatives and the need for increasing farm prices.

"The meeting with Secretary Hardin," Dole said, "is part of his continuing effort to establish better working relations with members of Congress."

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