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MANHATTAN, KS. March 7 -- "Unless the U.S. shifts direction in its farm, food and international economic policy, we in America stand to lose a brilliant opportunity to market farm commodities and provide food for less fortunate countries," U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) said today.

Dole, a member of the Senate Agriculture and Forestry Committee, spoke to members of the Kansas Home Economics Association here.

"If the United States could sell or exchange grain under the 'Food for Peace' program for goods, services or investments in hungry countries, it would be possible to provide grain to those countries for no more than it costs to pay farmers to not grow it.

"Yet, the budget for 1971 indicates a cut in appropriations for this program. The program could be expanded if a proper analysis of the funds it generates were balanced against the cost. I plan to ask for such an analysis.

"The Food for Peace program should be used to help the hungry billions of the world turn increasingly toward the exchange of labor-intensive manufactured goods for some of their food requirements as well as for the other capital and skills-intensive products which America can produce at such a great advantage.

"The bold use of 'Food for Peace' would provide a pattern for a better world."