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WASHINGTON, D.C., SEPT. 7, 1972 -- Senators Bob Dole and James Pearson said that Dr. George Cressman, Director of the National Weather Service, visited their offices today to discuss the future of the Topeka weather radar. The Kansas Senators called the meeting to again state their opposition to the announced decision to close the Topeka weather radar.

In a joint release following the meeting, the Senators said Cressman told them that removal of the radar would not be considered until a fully satisfactory replacement can be guaranteed. Cressman also assured them the Topeka radar would remain in operation through the next tornado season.

The Kansas Senators urged that the Topeka radar, a short range WWII type, be kept in operation as long as parts are available for its maintenance. Cressman indicated the Weather Service was considering this possibility. This would mean the Topeka radar would be maintained for an indefinite period of time.

The National Weather Service is also considering a series of radars which would replace existing WWII models, Cressman said. Pearson and Dole both pledged to work for full funding by Congress on National Weather Service budget requests in order to make possible new radar facilities for Topeka.