



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole and a bipartisan group of eight other senators from the Midwest today sent a joint letter to President Nixon requesting that price controls be lifted from all types of fertilizer. "Phase III and IV regulations," Dole explained, "have created a situation under which domestic prices are held down while export prices are permitted to rise according to demand. Because of strong foreign buying, fertilizer prices for export have drastically outstripped freeze prices. For example, anhydrous ammonia under Phase IV is selling for about \$40 per ton. At the ports, it is selling for about \$72 per ton."

"Once the price controls are lifted," Dole states, "American farmers will be able to bid against foreign buyers in even competition."

Some people have advocated export controls. Dole argued that "since we import a sizeable amount of fertilizer from Canada and other countries, export controls would invite retaliation embargoes which would further aggravate the supply situation. Fertilizer producers would also lose incentive to expand their production."

The senators joining with Dole on the letter included: Kansas Senator James Pearson, Henry Bellmon and Dewey Bartlett of Oklahoma, Roman Hruska, and Carl Curtis of Nebraska, Lloyd Bentsen of Texas, Peter Dominick of Colorado, and Pete Dominici of New Mexico.