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DOLE COMMENTS ON MID-EAST CONFLICT

MANKATO, KANSAS -- Senator Bob Dole today said he is hopeful that an end to the Mid-East fighting can be achieved in the near future "through cooperative actions on the part of the United States and the Soviet Union."

Dole cited the current situation as an early test of the newly strengthened relationship between America and Russia.

"It is the first opportunity for the two super powers to use their mutual basis of understanding to help solve an international crisis," Dole said. "Both the U.S. and Russia have vital interests in the region, but neither stands to gain from a spread of the conflict to global proportions. Hopefully, joint Russian-American efforts can help bring a quick end to the fighting. And if so, it will be a strong indication that the Nixon-Brezhnev summit accords offer real hope for lasting world peace and international stability.

"An end to the fighting is the essential first step toward a permanent solution. Nothing can be gained from continued death and destruction. Russia and the United States have demonstrated their commitments to their allies. Now it is time to demonstrate a commitment to peace. We have had enough American involvement in war in the past several years. We must take great care not to be stampeded into another by the emotional remarks of politicians. of politicians."