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NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE URGES PRESIDENT TO INVOKE RAILWAY LABOR ACT

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole today urged President Nixon to invoke the authority available to him under the Railway Labor Act to re-establish TWA service.

In a letter to the President, Dole related the failure of the National Mediation Board efforts to bring settlement of the dispute. Remarking on effects of the strike, Dole said, "Irreparable economic loss is being inflicted on many individuals, and a substantial part of the air transport industry is being affected by the continuation of this strike." He cited the economic loss and "untold hardship, inconvenience and disruption-- particularly in view of the energy crisis -- as compelling grounds for intensified efforts to reach a settlement and resume flight operations."

Dole also offered to furnish the President any additional information about the strike situation and to meet with him personally if the President desires.

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

The six-week-old strike between Trans World Airlines and members of the Transportation Workers Union is a major concern to many residents of the State of Kansas and to air travelers throughout the Nation.

To date, the efforts of the National Mediation Board have failed to bring about a settlement of the dispute, and the strike appears to have no end in sight. Irreparable economic loss is being inflicted on many individuals, and a substantial part of the air transport industry is being affected by the continuation of this strike.

The national interest requires that this strike be ended at the earliest possible date -- before the onset of the holiday travel season. Therefore, if signs of progress are not immediately forthcoming from the mediation process, I urge that you invoke the authority available to you under the Railway Labor Act to resolve the dispute and restore TWA service. Yesterday, I requested the National Mediation Board to take the steps required for the appointment of a presidential emergency fact finding board, and should such action be forthcoming, your immediate response would be extremely valuable.

The continuation of the TWA strike at this time of the year would, in my view, cause untold hardship, inconvenience and disruption -- particularly in view of the energy crisis -- and provides compelling grounds for intensified efforts to reach a settlement and resume flight operations.

If there are any questions about the strike situation or if additional information would be helpful, I would be pleased to visit with you personally at any time.

Sincerely yours,

BOB DOLE
United States Senate

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