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## DOLE MEETS WITH TRUCKERS

WASHINGTON, D. C. -- Senator Bob Dole met today with a delegation of independent truck drivers, led by Mr. J. W. Edwards of Overland Park. Dole met with the truckers to learn of the problems they were encountering due to the energy crisis.

"It is obvious that some are encountering genuine hardships at present," Dole said. "I told the men that I was interested in seeing that whatever could be done to ease the difficult situation would be done, but I also stressed my strong interest in seeing that talk of work stoppages by truckers would not lead to a situation that could be truly injurious to our economy or inflame emotions to such a high pitch that violence might result."

In an hour long meeting, the truckers told Dole of their concerns about the high prices being charged them for diesel fuel and about their disagreement with the Administration's proposal to limit highway speed for trucks to 50 miles per hour, as well as some nine other specific concerns.

Doel has arranged for the group to meet later this afternoon with officials of various Departments of government. This press release is from the collections at the Robert J. Dole Archive and Special Collections, University of Kansas. Please contact us with any questions or comments: http://dolearchive.ku.edu/ask

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