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DOLE SAYS FARMERS LOSE UNDER DEMOCRAT AGRICULTURE POLICY

"Before Governor Carter comes to the Midwest, he should explain his grain export policy to the American farmer," Senator Bob Dole charged today.

Dole said that the Democrat platform offers the farmer a choice between an acreage allotment program with farm prices dictated by a liberal Democrat Congress and dependence on an export policy directed by George Meany. "That's not much of a choice," Dole said. "Either way, the farmer loses."

Dole suggested that the Administration has made mistakes with respect to grain exports, but added that the Republican policy is now clear and it's beneficial to the farmer. On the other hand, Dole charged, the Democrats are advertising grain embargoes in their platform which states ". . . we must prevent irresponsible and inflationary sales from the American granery to foreign purchasers." Dole said they are also endorsing the Humphrey-Hawkins bill which calls for "an export licensing mechanism for food and other critical materials . . . and the establishment of stock-pile reserves of food and other critical material in order to meet emergencies such as flood and famine and to maintain reasonable price stability and adequate farm income."

"Once the farm belt fully understands the impact of this language, they'll vote overwhelmingly for the Republican ticket," Dole said.