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NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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SENATOR DOLE ANNOUNCES AMERICAN AGRICULTURE MOVEMENT REPRESENTATIVE
WILL ATTEND INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT TALKS IN GENEVA

WASHINGTON.....Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan) said today his request to Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland that a representative of the American Agriculture Movement be allowed to attend and observe the International Wheat Agreement talks in Geneva has been approved.

Senator Dole, ranking minority member of the U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee, said he was informed of the approval by James Webster, U.S.D.A. Director of the Office of Governmental and Public Affairs, late Thursday afternoon.

Bud Bitner, American Agriculture leader from Springfield, Colorado, said Friday, H.H. Hammond, Guymon, Oklahoma, has been selected by the delegates to go to Geneva for the talks which begin February 13.

Senator Dole said he has arranged for Mr. Hammond to meet with officials of the Foreign Agricultural Service today for a briefing on the trade talks.

"I am pleased the Agriculture Department responded favorably to my request. Farmers have expressed to me their concern about not having a voice in trade negotiations and commodity agreements. Farmers feel they have been sold out in past agreements. I hope this situation will change and that farmers will have a voice in agreements that affect their future for years to come," Dole stated.