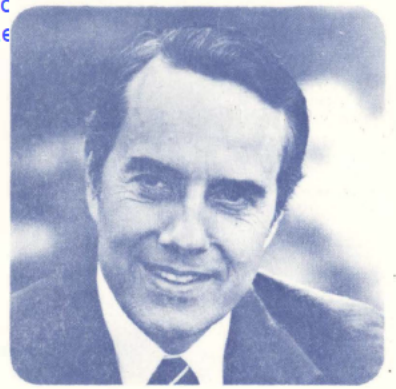


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DOLE SENDS TELEGRAM TO SEC. BERGLAND ON GRAIN PRICES

WASHINGTON, D.C.....Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan) today urged Sec. of Agr. Bob Bergland to take immediate action to stop the decline in wheat prices.

Dole, in a telegram to Sec. Bergland, said, "The effects of the grain embargo have finally hit the wheat market in full force. Farmers cannot survive at these severely low prices. Wheat is now selling in Kansas for 60-70¢ per bushel less than before the Russian grain embargo. The bottom has dropped out of the wheat market in Kansas."

Dole said in the telegram, "I urge you to take immediate action to honor the pledge made by President Carter to the American farmer when he said he was determined to minimize any adverse effect on the American farmer from the Russian grain embargo."

Dole stated, "I believe the President directed you to develop programs to ensure that the burden of the embargo would not fall unfairly on farmers. Your anti-embargo programs have so far been a total disaster for farmers. They certainly have not been effective."

"A new program needs to be developed and implemented immediately. A program that will assist farmers. You have under present law adequate authority to stop the decline in grain prices and to help farmers if you would just use it. I urge you to use that authority and to use it quickly."

Dole said, "Farmers in my state of Kansas are angry and feel they have been used and taken once again by the federal government. The time has come for action by the Administration to live up to their commitments and promises to the American farmer."