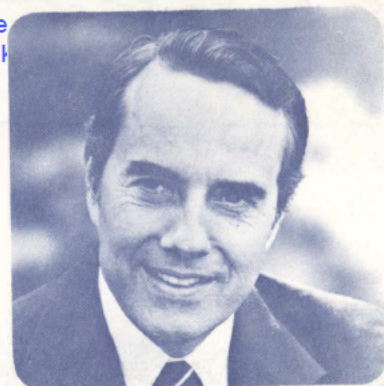


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DOLE CALLS ON MUSKIE TO BROACH CHEMICAL WARFARE ISSUE WITH GROMYKO

WASHINGTON -- A Senate resolution calling for Soviet compliance with a Geneva agreement on the control of chemical weapons was introduced yesterday by Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan.), in hopes that the matter would be discussed in meetings tomorrow in Vienna between Secretary of State Edmund Muskie and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

"This measure (S. Res. 405) sends a message that the Congress of the United States will no longer tolerate the U.S.S.R.'s equivocation and reticence on this issue," Dole said. "This resolution represents a willingness to assume the responsibility for calling to the attention of the world community the Soviets' violation of international law, and it is my hope that Secretary Muskie will raise this grave and potentially far-reaching matter with the Russians and place it at the head of his agenda."

Senator Dole has repeatedly spoken out against the widespread use of nerve gas and chemical weapons by the Soviets to murder hundreds of Afghans, and the failure of the Administration to adequately address this problem through official channels.

"Now is the time to set a precedent for future negotiations and agreements on chemical and biological warfare capabilities," Dole said. "As nations around the world begin to draw together into an increasingly interconnected relationship, respect for international law becomes of utmost importance. I have spoken on this issue with great concern many times before, for I believe it is one of the gravest threats we face to world peace."

The House Foreign Relations Committee has recently reported out a resolution similar to S. Res. 405.