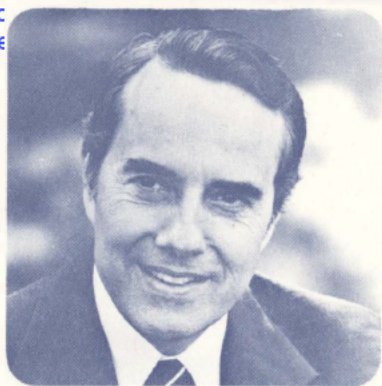


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## DOLE CALLS FOR POSTPONEMENT OF MADRID HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE AT MEETING

WASHINGTON---Senator Bob Dole, a member of the Helsinki Commission, this week called for postponement of the Madrid Conference, designed to monitor compliance with the human rights and European security treaty signed by the U.S., the Soviet Union, and 33 other nations in 1975.

At a special meeting this week requested by Senator Dole, the Kansas Republican called for postponement saying it would be "inappropriate and nonproductive" to hold the month-long conference in light of "this delicate time in international relations." Dole suggested "the invasion of independent Afghanistan by Soviet troops would make the conference a charade and a forum for polemics that could do irreparable harm to the spirit of the Helsinki process."

"We've asked the farmer to pay a price with the grain embargo, the athletes to pay a price with the Olympic boycott, now we ought to ask the bureaucrats to pay a price by postponing this trip to Madrid," Dole said.

The Administration opposes a delay in the conference, scheduled to begin in November after a planning session in September.

## GOLDBERG TESTIMONY SUPPORTS POSTPONEMENT

Former Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg, the special ambassador to the last monitoring conference at Belgrade in 1977, also called for a postponement until 1981, citing the possible change in Administrations and the uncertainty over American policy with the conference beginning only a week after the November presidential elections. Goldberg agreed with Dole that "the international opinion is poor, the Russians are defensive over the Olympics and the embargo, and unlikely to respond constructively to criticism of their treatment of citizens desiring to emigrate or their imprisonment of dissidents like Sakharov and Ginsberg.

"Many CSCE signatures," Dole said, "feel the Belgrade meeting was a disappointment because of its lack of substantive results. For that reason the Administration (who recently appointed former Attorney General Griffin Bell to head the U.S. delegation) ought to realize that an unsuccessful or polemical meeting at Madrid could do irreparable harm to the CSCE process even if short-term policies were well-served."

Dole pointed to the invasion of Afghanistan as "revealing a new willingness on the part of the Soviet Union to risk global stability for an expansionism of power, using for the first time since World War II, Soviet troops beyond their normal sphere of influence. This calculated projection of force calls into question the premise of our foreign policy and the direction of our relations and approach in dealing with the Soviet Union. The United States needs to re-examine this relationship. It may be done during the presidential campaign. We may have a new Administration after November or a change of faces and emphasis in the old one.

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"In particular", Dole said, "the reports that the Soviet Union produced biological weapons - leading to an anthrax outbreak in Sverdlovsk last year - and uses nerve gas in Afghanistan, leads one to question the sincerity of the Soviets to live up to any treaty and their willingness to allow any policing of their violations.

"If the Soviets choose to remain confrontational, the Madrid meeting may very well be a failure and actually exacerbate East-West relations," said Dole in conclusion. The Commission will delay a final decision while continuing to plan for the conference. On June 2, a West German delegation from the working group on preparations for Madrid will meet with the Helsinki Commission to exchange perceptions and assessments on the prospects for holding the conference under the present world situation.