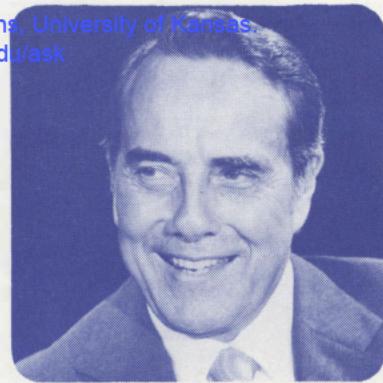


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MAHASKA, PAOLA SENIOR CENTER FEDERAL FUNDS TO BE RELEASED

Washington, DC -- Federal funds totaling \$210,000 for senior citizen centers in Mahaska and Paola will be released on July 1, Kansas Senator Bob Dole said today.

The Mahaska senior center will receive \$160,000 while the Paola center will get \$50,000. Funding comes from the U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services (HHS).

In making the announcement, Sen. Dole said smaller communities often have difficulty competing for federal funds. "But our rural towns have real needs too, and that's the point I made when working with the Administration to get these funds. The commitment shown by the local communities in raising a portion of the necessary funds for construction of the centers helped prove that point, and together we were able to succeed."

According to Sen. Dole, more than \$25,000 was raised locally in Mahaska for the senior citizen center there, and ground-breaking ceremonies are now planned for July 4. The Paola community raised \$80,000 for its center, which has been under construction for several months, said Dole.

Sen. Dole made the official request for the Mahaska and Paola funds last year during action on the HHS appropriations bill. Congress adopted the bill just before Christmas, and Sen. Dole then began negotiations with HHS over the release of the funds. Following several months of discussions, HHS agreed to fund the projects in full with discretionary funds from HHS Office of Community Services.

AGREEMENT -- THAT WAS JUNE 6. AND WE'VE ALSO HAD THE STANDARD CHARGES FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OPPONENTS THAT SOMEHOW IT'S RONALD REAGAN WHO IS THE BAD GUY; IT'S PRESIDENT REAGAN WHO DOESN'T REALLY WANT A PEACE AGREEMENT; IT'S OUR PRESIDENT WHO IS TRYING TO BLOCK IT.

MORE MONTHS OF SANDINISTA TREACHERY

THOSE ARE THE CHARGES. BUT WHAT ARE THE FACTS?

THE FACTS ARE THAT, JUST LIKE SO MANY TIMES BEFORE, IT IS THE SANDINISTAS WHO TORPEDOED THE PEACE PROCESS. IT'S THE SANDINISTA LEADERSHIP THAT REFUSED TO SIGN ANY KIND OF WORKABLE DOCUMENT DEALING WITH THE REAL THREAT IN CENTRAL AMERICA -- THE THREAT OF NICARAGUA'S VIRTUAL ALLIANCE WITH MOSCOW AND HAVANA; ITS RECKLESS MILITARY BUILD-UP; ITS AGGRESSIONS AGAINST ITS DEMOCRATIC NEIGHBORS; AND ITS SUPPORT FOR SUBVERSION THROUGHOUT THE REGION. AND IT'S DANIEL ORTEGA AND HIS CROWD WHO HAVE USED THESE MONTHS THAT WE HAVE GIVEN THEM, NOT TO PURSUE A NEGOTIATED PEACE, BUT TO ACCELERATE THEIR MILITARY STRENGTH AND LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR NEW AGGRESSIONS IN THE HEMISPHERE.

AND NOW WE HAVE THE LATEST TWO BITS OF NEWS. YET ANOTHER SHIPMENT OF RUSSIAN ARMS ARRIVES IN NICARAGUA, AND THE SOVIETS ARE FLYING PLANES AROUND THE COUNTRY ON RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS, HELPING THE SANDINISTAS PUT DOWN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE DEMOCRATIC RESISTANCE.

PATIENCE, PEACE AND A TIME FOR DECISION

PATIENCE IS GREAT. WE HAVE GOTTEN VERY GOOD AT SHOWING OUR PATIENCE WITH NICARAGUA'S EVILS AND ORTEGA'S LIES.

AND PEACE IS GREAT, TOO. WE ARE ALL FOR IT. THE PRESIDENT IS FOR IT. THE DEMOCRACIES OF CENTRAL AMERICA, THEY'RE FOR IT. AND THE CONTADORA COUNTRIES ARE STILL TRYING TO FIND A WAY TO PEACE, NO MATTER HOW MANY ROADBLOCKS ORTEGA PUTS IN THEIR WAY.

NOW THERE IS ONLY ONE MISSING PIECE IN THE PUZZLE. ONLY ONE PLAYER IN THE DRAMA WHO DOESN'T SEEM TO WANT PEACE.

NEXT WEEK THE HOUSE IS GOING TO HAVE A CHANCE -- AT LEAST I HOPE THEY ARE -- TO SEND ONE OF TWO MESSAGES TO THE MANAGUA REGIME.

IT CAN SEND THE MESSAGE THAT, YES, ONCE AGAIN WE'RE GOING TO REWARD THE SANDINISTAS FOR THEIR ATTACKS AGAINST THEIR NEIGHBORS, THEIR MILITARY BUILD-UP, THEIR ALLIANCE WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA AND THEIR SUPPRESSION OF FREEDOM AT HOME. WE'RE GOING TO GIVE THEM YET ANOTHER "ONE MORE CHANCE." WE'RE GOING TO GIVE THEM MORE TIME TO BUILD UP MILITARILY AND CRACK DOWN POLITICALLY. WE'RE GOING TO TURN OUR BACKS ON RONALD REAGAN, AND PUT OUR HOPES ON THE GOOD INTENTIONS OF DANIEL ORTEGA.

OR THE HOUSE CAN SEND A DIFFERENT KIND OF MESSAGE. A MESSAGE OF AMERICAN UNITY. UNITY BEHIND THE PRESIDENT. UNITY IN SUPPORT OF DEMOCRACY IN CENTRAL AMERICA. UNITY BEHIND THE CONCEPT THAT THE NICARAGUAN PEOPLE DESERVE LIBERTY, NO LESS THAN THE OTHER PEOPLE OF THIS HEMISPHERE.

THE HOUSE HAS DELAYED MUCH TOO LONG ITS DECISION ON WHAT KIND OF MESSAGE IT WANTS TO SEND. IT'S TIME FOR THE SPEAKER, THE LEADERSHIP AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE TO STAND UP AND BE COUNTED.