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Congressman Bob Dole (R.-Kansas) stated in his regular newsletter to constituents that Russia should thank us for their space successes. Dole stated, "Though there are those who have serious doubts about Russian successes in orbiting the earth it must be obvious that taxpayers of this country have contributed heavily to any space supremacy Russians may now enjoy. The Soviet Union follows the policy of "Heads I win, tails you lose."

Dole compared amounts spent by this country and Russia in operation of the United Nations and Foreign Aid expenditures. "Records indicate," Dole said, "that the U.S. paid \$146.2 million and Russia only \$18.2 million of \$334.7 million total operating costs of the UN for 1960. While we picked up the tab for 43.6% of all UN expenses compared to Russia's 5.45%, member nations on our side continued to dwindle. In October 1952 it was estimated 70% of the member nations were on the U.S. side but by February 7, 1961 the percentage dropped to 36.5. This is due in part to the increase in new members from 60 countries in 1952 to 99 in 1961. The question is will Russia bankrupt not only the U.N. but the U.S. and us as individuals???"

In "foreign aid" activity Dole indicated this country has spent over \$84 billion while Russia has expended only a little over \$3 billion, mostly loans. Taxpayers have a right to be confused, Dole notes, in stating, "While the Russians reap the benefit of "space successes" worth more in propaganda to "emerging nations" than our billions in "aid", it's not difficult to calculate we have made a substantial contribution to their remarkable successes. While we have poured out billions the Communists have spent equivalent amounts advancing in space and increasing military strength--while we attempted to dominate with dollars, Russia dominates with propaganda--when Russia rattles the saber we unlock the Treasury--while we talk tough about Berlin the Communists make gains in Cuba, Brazil, Laos--while Russia crushes "free" people we raise funds to send Dictator Fidel Castro tractors--while the Commerce Department approves sales of surplus food to Communists and support grows within the Administration for recognition of Outer Mongolia and Red China, regulations to permit easier flow and distribution throughout our country are relaxed and "stern" notes are issued to Castro about "hijacking" U. S. planes."

Dole also stated, "It appears obvious to me Russia has let us "foot the bill" all over the world and "fatten up" many countries for Communist conquest. Communists know free world economy rests on a sound dollar and that world domination could be achieved by collapse of the capitalistic system."