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Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kansas) stated at a special sugar hearing conducted by the Department of Agriculture today that it is hard to conceive of anything more inconsistent than the possibility of restricting marketing of domestically produced beet sugar and reducing sugar beet acreage. Dole stated, "While we reach halfway around the globe for sugar to replace supplies formerly obtained from Cuba, there is serious talk by Administrative officials of acreage and marketing restrictions for our farmers and processors."

Dole indicated he fears the next step will be acreage controls on U.S. growers and made reference to a meeting scheduled in Denver August 29, to consider acreage controls.

"Our American farmers have not been given a chance to produce one ounce of the quota formerly supplied by Cuba and Kansas growers and potential growers have had to take a back seat for nations which have never before had any allotment of the U.S. sugar quota. Our Government has authorized shipments of 12,000 tons from El Salvador; 12,000 from Guatemala; 336,474 from Brazil; 36,000 from Ecuador; 46,000 from Colombia; 75,000 from French West Indies; 90,000 from Australia; 5,000 from Paraguay; and 225,000 from India. None of these countries have a regular quota," Dole asserted.

Dole and the three other Republican freshmen members of the Agriculture Committee recently expressed to Chairman Harold Cooley their willingness to remain in Washington after adjournment of Congress to serve on a Special Sugar Subcommittee. "Permanent sugar legislation is long overdue and if Committee hearings are postponed until next year, possibilities of long range sugar legislation will be reduced," Dole said.