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PALCO, Ks. -- W. W. Steeples, Palco farmer and 6th District Republican Chairman, stated today John Montgomery, Democrat State Chairman, should visit Western Kansas farmers before he "pops off" about the Administration's Farm Bill and the vote of Congress Bob Dole on rejecting the House-Senate Conference Report on the measure. "I think," Steeples said, 'Montgomery is suffering from an acute case of political 'hoof and mouth disease' plus a touch of 'new frontierism', which apparently accounts for his repeated misstatements about something he obviously knows little about."

"It amuses me that Montgomery, a wealthy newspaper publisher, has become so interested in the welfare of Kansas farmers as I thought his prime interest has always been an appointment as Ambassador to Brazil. It appears he is either trying to get the attention of the President, Adlai, Stevenson, Chester Bowles or G. Mennen Williams by sounding off about Bob Dole or trying to convince farmers, farm businesses and small Western Kansas communities they should be happy because the 1962 Administration's Wheat Program will cost Kansas farmers over a million acres in wheat production next year and that to get \$2.00 a bushel you must cut acreage at least 10 percent.

It would be interesting if Montgomery would tell farmers why Breeding supported the efforts of a Committee, headed by Walter Reuther, to raise funds to buy tractors for Fidel Castro or how much Breeding contributed to the tractor fund, or how Breeding, owner of over 8,000 acres of land, with oil and gas wells, can realistically represent small farmers. A 10% or 40% cut wouldn't hurt Congressman Breeding but what about farmers trying to make a living on 200 or 300 acres without oil and gas income.

Breeding, like a rubber stamp, voted for every control provision advocated by Kennedy, Willard Cochran and Secretary Orville Freeman, but farmers can be thankful members of both parties on the House Agriculture Committee, including Bob Dole, had the courage to kill provisions of the "Omnibus Bill" in Committee which would have made Freeman a "Czar" of Agriculture and stripped Congress of it's constitutional right to write farm legislation.

Frankly, Montgomery could better spend his leisure defending Breeding's liberal voting record, though it will be difficult.