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Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kansas) said today in a special report to the Pratt Daily Tribune that the "recent foreign aid debate and the passage of the bill by a narrow margin of 250 to 164 in the House indicates growing public sentiment against continuing this global giveaway program."

A switch of 44 votes would have defeated the \$4.6 billion bill.

"This," Dole said, "would have been a victory for the American taxpayer and would have startled Congress into a realization that while we may have an obligation to assist our friends, this does not extend to pouring millions and billions of dollars of taxpayers' money into Communist dominated or so-called 'neutral' nations.

"While we are told we must continue aid to Yugoslavia, Tito sides with Khrushchev, and while we continue aid to Brazil, the government seizes American business and property, and while we pour additional millions into India (so far over \$2.3 billion) their Foreign Minister Krishna Menon takes great delight in criticizing our country and our government. I cannot agree with those who contend that by continuing U.S. aid to Yugoslavia, Poland and other countries dominated by Communists or dictators, we are in effect holding out hope of freedom to the millions who live in these countries.

"I feel that a more correct analysis is that we are solidifying Communism and dictatorships and, more likely than not, assisting in oppressing the millions we strive to free from the bonds of tyranny. Though I do not subscribe to the theory we should stop all aid immediately, it is time to call a halt to all outlandish expenditures in those areas where Communist leaders and dictators continue to deny the people their basic freedoms of expression, press, and religion.

"Total foreign aid expenditures since World War II now exceed \$30 billion. This figure represents about 4 percent of our present national indebtedness. It is a sum large enough to support the present expensive Administration programs for 338 days.

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