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## DOLE CHALLENGES MEANY'S WHEAT TRADE RECOMMENDATIONS

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Sharply taking issue with foreign food policy recommendations made earlier this week by AFL-CIO President George Meany, Senator Bob Dole has challenged the labor boss to "explain why he advocates replacement of our private trading system with one that is demonstrably less efficient.

"If Mr. Meany thinks we would be better off adopting the Canadian formula of government control of the wheat trade," says Dole, "let him explain the virtues of such a scheme.

"Let him explain to his membership and to the American people in general why it is that he thinks we should imitate the Canadian model when their food policies have resulted in a Canadian food inflation rate that is higher than our own by almost 3 1/2 percent," Dole adds.

Dole referred to a speech Meany delivered in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania earlier this week in which he advocated take-over by the government of all wheat export transactions.

"If it were proposed that the Federal government take over the setting of wage rates on a permanent basis through establishment of a national labor board, I can't help but think he would oppose the idea," Dole says, "yet he hardly flinches at the prospect of removing farmers and the grain trade in general from the dynamics of the market place. The evidence is there that our system is less inflationary than the nationalized system he advocates," Dole adds, "why he chooses to ignore it is beyond me."