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STOP PREACHING, START DOING, DOLE ADVISES CARTER

Palm Beach, Florida -- Unless President Carter "stops preaching and starts doing," the United States is in for more foreign policy disappointments, Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan) declared Thursday.

"I realize Mr. Carter is inexperienced in foreign affairs," Dole said in a luncheon speech to the Republican Congressional Boosters Club. "Success in foreign affairs requires a good deal more than moral posturing. It requires experienced leadership, much advance preparation, and willingness to build on the successes of the past. I can understand Mr. Carter's urge to remake the world in his own image before 1980, but unless he stops preaching and starts doing, I'm afraid we're in for many more disappointments."

The 1976 Republican Vice Presidential nominee said what distressed him most about the breakdown of the SALT talks was that Mr. Carter "is more interested in public relations pronouncements than in achieving tangible results."

Dole continued:

A Kiss and A Promise

"With much fanfare, Mr. Carter sent our U.N. Ambassador to Africa and he returned to Washington with little more than a kiss and a promise. With no fanfare, Brezhnev sent Podgorny to Africa and he returned to Moscow with a treaty signed by Mozambique and a string of joint communiques emphasizing similarity of views with Tanzania and Zambia.

"During his African sojourn, Young suggested that Cuban troops in Angola were proving to be a stabilizing element in that beleaguered nation. The next thing we know, Fidel Castro is touring Africa and reporting, no doubt, to Moscow on his plans to further 'stabilize' the continent.

"Mr. Carter sends Leonard Woodcock to Vietnam, again with much fanfare, to inquire about our MIA's. A new 'breakthrough' is suggested by the White House and yet, when Woodcock returns, he admits having made little substantial progress.

"Mr. Carter sends Cyrus Vance to Moscow, revealing in advance that the United States was no longer merely satisfied with the agreements negotiated by President Ford at Vladivostok, but was prepared to push for a new, far-reaching and highly complex arms limitation treaty that had not been previously discussed with the Soviets except in very superficial terms. Vance returned from Moscow with the same thing Young and Woodcock brought back. Nothing.

"There is still time to repair the damage left behind in Moscow. We all hope for and support the renewal of negotiations.

"Our position as Republicans in Congress should be -- and will be -- to support the President when he is right. When he is wrong, we can serve our country best -- and merit the confidence of the voters -- by offering alternative ideas in a spirit of constructive criticism."