



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE MEETS WITH ANDREW FEDYNSKY

Washington, D.C. --- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kansas), met on August 23rd with Andrew Fedynsky, a member of the Helsinki Guarantees for Ukraine Committee. Mr. Fedynsky is a member of the Senator's Helsinki Ethnic Advisory Council.

Mr. Fedynsky reported on his recent trip to Belgrade by himself and three other members of their monitoring group. As members of the Ukrainian Information Service, they had been able to meet with the official Yugoslav delegation and present their views on the arrests and convictions of Rudenko and Tykhyas well as other dissidents who are monitoring Soviet compliance.

Senator Dole inquired about the circumstances under which Mr. Fedynsky had been forced to leave Yugoslavia. Mr. Fedynsky explained that their group had called a press conference where upon he was arrested as soon as it became known to the authorities.

Demanding to know the specific charges on which he was being arrested, Mr. Fedynsky was informed, "You are being arrested not for what you have done, but what you are going to do". Further protests by Mr. Fedynsky that this was a right under the Helsinki Final Act, drew a retort from the arresting officer that, "During the conference, there aren't any rights".

Senator Dole indicated that he would be going to Belgrade sometime in the fall after the Conference has reconvened. The Senator commented wryly, "I wonder what fate awaits me if I also try to have a press conference in Belgrade this fall. It will be interesting to see."

Mr. Fedynsky also informed the Senator that there is a rumor that the sentence of Rudenko and Tykhyis is going to be reviewed before Belgrade II. Senator Dole promised that he would send a letter to the Soviets expressing his grave concern over this violation of the Helsinki Agreement and would do all in his power to persuade other Senators to join him in this action when the Senate reconvenes in September.