



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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Frequently events occur which lead one to think of the ability of man to liquidate himself morally in a moment of reflection. One such case concerns the strange attitude, to say the least, of U.S. Senator Robert Dole.

Mr. Dole participated in the last U.S. elections as the Vice Presidential candidate of the Republican Party, which lost the elections by a slight margin. Mr. Dole's image was projected as that of a man who possessed all the necessary qualifications to assume the top post of the most powerful country of the world if required by circumstances.

During the political campaign Mr. Dole himself endeavored to create such an image and always assumed the attitude of a responsible, law-abiding citizen, a profoundly religious man well versed in international relations and above all an individual with a clear sense of moral responsibility which left no room for challenge.

Very well. This same Mr. Dole has fallen into one of those moral vacuums which immediately show the other side of the individual and leads one to think about what would have occurred in a moment of international crisis had Mr. Dole been President of his country.

As a part of his opposition to the Torrijos - Carter treaty, the former Vice Presidential candidate has not hesitated in resorting to the disloyal act of making public a top secret document exchanged between the two nations negotiating said treaty.

Astonishment was the immediate reaction. All the countries with diplomatic representatives in Washington immediately expressed profound fears that in the same manner documents which hold importance for international relations and even for peace and war may fall into the possession of private citizens or terrorist organizations who may very well use them for his dangerous purposes.

However, international observers stationed in Washington agree in pointing out that with this action Mr. Dole definitely eliminated his Presidential aspirations. Not even the voters of his country, once the instant of anti-Panamanian passion has passed, a passion nurtured by lack of knowledge of history, will dare to place the destiny of their country in the hands of a highly qualified but disloyal official.

The theft of the most secret documents related to U.S. foreign and domestic policy continues in that country. The thefts began with the notorious case of the "Pentagon papers" which unmasked the U.S. Administration with regard to the Vietnam War. They dealt in the first place with the highly publicized "Gulf of Tonkin incident" which was used as a pretext to step up the war with massive bombing raids against North Vietnam. This incident was forged by the aggressors themselves. Then followed the successive publication of documents considered top secret in columns by well-known journalists. The sordid episode known as the "Watergate case" occurred later. Now comes the release of this document as a form of blackmail against Panamanian interests.

The world has know many cases of what can be labeled as suicide, either political, economic, etc. In some instances the reasons behind these cases was money, in others women, mental unbalance, vices, etc. In the present case the reason is hatred. Stubbornness or simply because Mr. Dole is living a century behind the historic-political evolution of mankind.

This gentleman may continue his activities against the ratification of the treaty and he will gain some points from his followers. But surely all the thinking men of the United States, the political, labor and spiritual leaders of that country are already convinced that this disloyal man has demonstrated that morally he is not qualified to govern their country.