



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE TO LEAVE FOR ROME, BELGRADE ON SATURDAY

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole will leave Saturday for Rome where he will attend the Nineteenth Session of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. He will travel to Belgrade on Tuesday for the Belgrade Review of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

Dole, ranking Republican on the Senate Agriculture Committee, was appointed to be the only Congressional member of the U.S. Delegation to the F.A.O. He will arrive in Rome early Sunday, November 20. Besides participating in the session as a member of the U.S. Delegation, he will meet with the Director General of the F.A.O., Edouardo Saouma, and officials of the World Food Council and the World Food Program to explore the U.S. role in addressing the problems of world hunger and malnutrition.

Dole has been a member of the independent U.S. Congressional-Executive Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe -- known as the U.S. Helsinki Commission -- since January. The Commission has monitored compliance with the Final Helsinki Agreement on East-West relations in Europe in preparation for the Belgrade Review of that agreement. In July, Dole attended preparatory sessions in Belgrade for the Review he will be attending next week. The Helsinki Final Agreement was signed on August 1, 1975 by 35 nations -- including all European states, both Communist and non-Communist, the Soviet Union, the United States and Canada.

The Conference is expected to consider Basket I next week and to discuss Principle VII on human rights. They will be looking at proposals for re-drafting that principle. Dole plans to bring up several specific cases of human rights violations involving individuals who have appealed to him for help.

The Kansas Senator will depart Belgrade to return to the U.S. on Saturday, November 26.

As a member of the U.S. Helsinki Commission, Dole's travel will be funded by the United States Department of State. His expenses in Rome will be paid by the Senate Agriculture Committee.