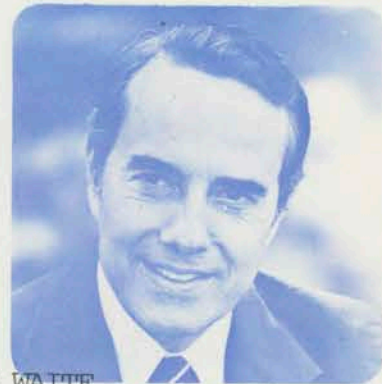


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SENATOR DOLE PLEDGES CREDIT ASSISTANCE TO EASE POLISH GRAIN CRISIS

WASHINGTON-- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas) says he will do all he can to insure that Poland is extended credits to help that East European nation import American grain in an amount equal to last year's imports, he announced today.

The announcement followed a private meeting between Senator Dole and Polish Foreign Minister Emil Wojtaszek in the Senator's office on Wednesday, July 11, 1979.

Dole, the Ranking Republican on the Senate Finance Committee, and a senior member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, told the Polish Minister that he was aware of Poland's difficulties, which included an unusually harsh winter and an extremely wet planting season.

"As a man from Kansas, and with your background on the Agriculture Committee, we knew you would understand our problems," Wojtaszek told Senator Dole.

In 1978 Poland received over \$400 million in CCC (Commodity Credit Corporation) credits.

Senator Dole told Wojtaszek that he would do his best to insure that Poland maintains this level, but pointed out the difficulty as it is expected there will be an overall cutback in CCC credits.

Wide-ranging Talks

Dole and Wojtaszek discussed a wide range of topics, including "anti-dumping" provisions of the Multilateral Trade Negotiations (MTN) and the Pope's recent visit to Poland. Foreign Minister Wojtaszek invited Senator Dole to visit Poland and Dole replied that he would very much like to do so.

The meeting lasted about 25 minutes.

Foreign Minister Wojtaszek was scheduled to visit agricultural stations in Iowa, Illinois, and Minnesota following his visit to Washington, D.C. He had originally been scheduled to visit Kansas, as well, but the stop was dropped "due to logistical problems," according to Polish officials.