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BEIJING "CHEAP SHOTS" FROM CAPITOL HILL;  
BUSH FOREIGN POLICY CRITICS CAN'T HAVE IT BOTH WAYS:  
"FREEDOM JUST AS PRECIOUS IN NICARAGUA AS IT IS IN CHINA".  
DOLE SAYS BUSH BATTING 1.000 ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON -- TELLING LIBERAL DEMOCRATS "YOU CAN'T HAVE IT BOTH WAYS", SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE TODAY ACCUSED CONGRESSIONAL CRITICS OF PRESIDENT BUSH'S FOREIGN POLICY OF "HYPOCRISY" WHEN IT COMES TO "SUPPORTING FREEDOM IN BEIJING BUT TURNING A COLD SHOULDER ON THE STRUGGLE IN NICARAGUA."

"PRESIDENT BUSH IS BATTING A THOUSAND ON THE MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY CHALLENGES OF HIS FIRST FOUR MONTHS IN OFFICE," DOLE SAID "I WISH THE PRESIDENT'S CRITICS WERE AS SENSIBLE AND CONSISTENT AS HE HAS BEEN, IN DEFENSE OF BOTH FREEDOM AND AMERICA'S OWN SECURITY INTERESTS."

"Happily, most of the Congress has supported the President, most of the time. But there are always a few who can't avoid taking pot-shots -- cheap shots -- from the sidelines. They want the President to speak out on behalf of demonstrating students in Beijing, but are themselves silent at the repression of democratic expression in Nicaragua. They rail against a rigged election in Panama, but are silent about a sham election law in Nicaragua. They leap to the bait of every Soviet arms control gambit or grudging political reform, demanding that we respond though new concessions contrary to our own interest or negotiating sense; but don't even stand behind the President in our internal negotiations with our NATO allies.

"President Bush has shown a firm and steady hand in dealing with crises from Panama to China, and is taking an informed, common-sense approach to relations with the Soviet Union," Dole said. "In each case, the President has put us on the right side -- the side of freedom. And he's done it in a way that also enhances our broader security interests."

"On China, the President said the students' goals are right, but -- recognizing that chaos in Beijing would serve neither the students' interests nor ours -- he's also urged that they go about their demonstrations responsibly and peacefully.

"President Bush sent a clear message to Noriega that we'll settle for nothing less than democracy in Panama, and he's working on a bipartisan basis with Congress to develop a sharply focused effort to achieve that goal.

"The bottom line, though," Dole concluded, "is that the American people elected George Bush -- and not these critics -- to run our foreign policy. He deserves support, not partisan criticism. For the interest of the nation, I hope he will have it."

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