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WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 6 -- Five members of the House Committee on Agriculture left today on an 11-day committee trip to the Sahel areas of Africa and the World Food Conference in Rome, Italy.

The group will visit seven countries in sub-Saharan Africa which has been afflicted with prolonged drought and a great deal of human suffering during the past several years. After spending five days at the World Food Conference in Rome, the group will return directly to Washington.

Chairman W. R. Poage (D. Tex.) said, "I feel that this trip will be an important one. Not only will the members be able to observe firsthand the climatic and agricultural conditions in the Sahel, but they will be able to evaluate our P. L. 480 (Food for Peace) program in that area as well. The World Food Conference in Rome is probably the most significant agricultural meeting since the United Nations was formed, and our government's posture on the world food and population problem will be very significant.

Committee members participating in the trip include Mr. de la Garza (D. Tex.), who will head the group due to the inability of Chairman Poage to participate, Mr. Litton (D. Mo.), Mr. Bowen, (D. Miss.), Mr. Price (R. Tex.), and Mr. Young (R. S.C.).

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