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Hailing American farmers as "front-line architects in building for peace," Vice President Spiro T. Agnew said yesterday additional farm commodity sales to Communist China may take place soon.

"Greater Chinese purchases of corn and soybeans, in addition to wheat, may be in the offing," Agnew said during a speech to a group of U.S. agri-

cultural attaches in which he stressed the role of farm exports as a diplomatic tool.

He referred to a recently disclosed 500,000-ton wheat sale to China as an example of food's "important role in peaceful and mutually beneficial relations" with other countries.

The attaches are winding up an internal working conference and preparing to return this week to their assignments

in American embassies in foreign nations.

The vice president told them "government is proceeding and new initiatives for peace are going forward. The alleged paralysis that you hear so much about is more a paralysis of thinking, an attitude which pervades a bit too much in Washington these days. . . . We are going about the business of government."