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Saturday, May 15, 1965
Dover, Delaware

Congressman Bob Dole, (R-Kansas), speaking at the Delaware Young Republican Convention in Dover last night stated, "Republicans are making rapid progress with party unity at the very time Democrats are engaged in a quiet but growing power struggle."

Dole stated, "President Johnson is frequently embarrassed because too many Democrats in Congress disagree with his foreign and domestic policies. The most striking example of Democrat disunity is the blooming Johnson-Kennedy rift. The relationship between the President and the Senators Kennedy, always strained, may be nearing the breaking point as evidenced by recent remarks and activities of the parties involved."

At the peak of the "Dominican" crisis on May 3, President Johnson, in what has been construed as a reflection on the late President Kennedy's handling of the Cuban crisis, said, "We don't propose to sit here in our rocking chair with our hands folded and let the Communists set up any government in the Western Hemisphere." This was followed on May 7, by a critical retort from Senator Robert Kennedy indicating President Johnson erred in not consulting the "Organization of American States" before sending troops to the Dominican Republic. The latest chapter of discord was written on May 11, by Senator Ted Kennedy, who differed with President Johnson on the "poll tax" issue in the Voting Rights bill. Whatever the motives the political pot is boiling fast and top level Democrats are feeling the heat. The American public is witnessing what will develop into a long range "winner take all" political maneuver. Republican differences are small compared to smoldering Democrat disagreements. We cannot succeed solely as a result of Democrat in-fighting, but bear in mind, Republicans are uniting while Democrats are fighting, as election results in 1966 will disclose."