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CONGRESSMAN BOB DOLE
AT
OHIO LEAGUE OF YOUNG REPUBLICAN CLUBS
July 31, 1965

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FOR RELEASE

Congressman Bob Dole, First District, Kansas, speaking to the Ohio League of Young Republican Clubs, hammered away at the need for a strong two-party system.

In the course of his speech Congressman Dole stated:

"When the balance in Congress is steeply tilted by an overwhelming majority in one political party -- as it is today with 293 Democrats and 141 Republicans in the House -- our system of checks and balances is further endangered.

This is because our two-party system, although not written into the Constitution, builds into government an additional set of checks and balances. Early in our history a wise decision was made to follow the pattern of a two-party system. We avoided the loss of freedom of a one-party government; we avoided the chaos and confusion of a multi-party government.

Not only does a strong second party provide the electorate with legislative alternatives but also with a remarkably high level of honesty and frankness.

I am certain we can all agree that a strong two-party system is Democracy's life insurance -- protection for our children against any drift toward authoritarianism. Conversely, a crushing over-balance of strength in either party for too long will make a mockery of our traditions in government and weaken the voice of the people.

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It seems to me that the major goals to be sought in the area of government are two-fold. First: a sensitive balance between executive, legislative and judicial branches; Second: a strong two-party system."