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At a covered dish dinner in Minneapolis, Kansas, last evening (Saturday), Congressman Bob Dole predicted that there was trouble ahead in the 90th Congress for the Great Society. Dole spoke following the dinner sponsored by the Ottawa County Republican Central Committee--Mrs. Joe Berkley, Chairman and the Ottawa County Republican Women's Club--Mrs. Louis Hendrixson, Chairman.

In his remarks, Congressman Dole stated that a comprehensive program of re-examination of Great Society programs is overdue. He said the reason is very simple. "According to the President's own Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, the total number of separate statutory authorizations for federal grantin-aid programs is approximately 400. It is estimated that the programs are administered by 21 departments and agencies and 150 federal bureaus and divisions involving all 50 states, and a large proportion of the 92,000 units of local government," he said.

"We have come the full turn of the wheel on intervention of the federal government in the affairs of states and localities. Twenty years ago some insisted that only the federal government could solve local problems. Some of the same people now plead with local government to take command of their own affairs because the federal government cannot find the answer. The states are losing control of urban problems to a federal government which cannot handle them satisfactorily," Congressman Dole explained.

In conclusion, Dole commented, "It is too late to go back and do what many members of Congress now realize should have been done in the first place--use existing agencies for slowly expanding programs instead of creating new "crash" programs to abolish poverty and cure social ills which were of a chronic and not epidemic nature. Yet there may still be time to re-examine the present programs, abolish the bad ones, and improve the good "ones."