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HAYS, Kans., March 23 -- Congressman Bob Dole today said Democratic disunity will help elect Republicans across the nation in the 1968 elections.

Dole, a Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate, delivered the keynote speech at the First District Republican convention here.

"The American people," the Kansas Congressman said, "are tired of Lyndon Johnson, distrustful of Bobby Kennedy, skeptical of Gene McCarthy and fearful of George Wallace."

Urging every American to study the Democrat record, Dole said it reveals:

"Today we are at war in Vietnam. Not seven years ago.

"Today the Soviet Union is close to controlling the Persian Gulf and the Red Sea. Not seven years ago.

"Today the Soviet Union has nearly destroyed American influence in the Middle East. Not seven years ago.

"Today Communists steal our ships. Not seven years ago.

"Today inflation robs us of our wage gains, and prices surge up and up. Not seven years ago.

"Today violent civil disorders ravage our cities. Not seven years ago.

"Today we have lost the respect America had throughout the world. Not seven years ago."

"The nation must have new leadership," Dole said.

"We need new leadership that will restore this country to fiscal sanity, destroy the ghettos and rebuild our cities, bring us to honorable peace and make us proud of America again."