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Winfield, Kansas...-....Speaking at a chili supper and rally in Winfield, Kansas, tonight, Congressman Bob Dole, Republican candidate for the U. S. Senate, stated that he shares the views expressed by Republican Presidential candidate, Richard Nixon, that the present state of our defenses is too close to the peril point.

Dole recalled that during the Eisenhower years the Eisenhower position was that prudent firmness undergirds peace, but timidity, impulsiveness, and indecision lead toward war; further, that a consistent display of strength and determination prevent the miscalculations that stumble nations into dangerous encounters and war.

"Proof of this," Dole stated, "was that during the Eisenhower years there was no Berlin Wall, no Bay of Pigs, no Cuban missile crisis, no Americans fighting in Southeast Asia, and no Pueblo piracy."

"Today, after 8 years of Johnson-Humphrey, we no longer have a numerical advantage over the Soviets in bombers; they are rapidly catching up with us in nuclear submarines, and there are indications the Soviets are ahead of us in tactical aircraft."

Dole emphasized that America needs new leadership that will refashion the conditions, the atmosphere and the environment that can lead to a durable peace.