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STILLWATER, OKLA., Feb. 13 -- "The thrust of the Nixon Administration in its first year has been toward one multi-faceted goal -- reform," U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) said here tonight.

Dole spoke at a dinner of the Payne County Republican Central Committee here.

Dole said that under the Nixon Administration:

*The forces of free Vietnam are being strengthened and for the first time in that war's history, American troop strength is being decreased;

*The Nuclear Non-Proliferation treaty has been ratified and Strategic Arms Limitation Talks are underway;

*The first step toward equitable draft reform has been taken;

*A new welfare concept -- which both encourages work and permits dignity -- has been developed.

"Much has been done," Dole said, "but much remains to be done.

The President has outlined the priorities for the 70's in his

State of the Union Message.

"A review of the high cost of defense, funds for education, legislation for pollution, hunger and malnutrition and crime in the streets, are among these priorities.

"These are not Republican priorities. They concern problems, which for the sake of the nation, must be dealt with on a non-partisan basis.

"It is my fervent hope that the members of our Democratcontrolled Congress will rise above party lines and provide equitable legislation for the nation's pressing problems."