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EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, Mo., Oct. 2, 1970 -- "The road toward peace in the world, toward building and maintaining a nation that is free internally and secure externally is long and never-ending," said Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) in a speech here tonight at the Clay County Republican Dinner.

Dole came to give his support to Jack Danforth, candidate for the U.S. Senate; Kit Bond, candidate for State Auditor; and Hugh Sprague, candidate for the U.S. Congress in the Sixth District.

Dole warned, "Always around the bend lurk those who would destroy our freedom as individuals or subjugate us as a nation. And always marching with us are the allies, witting and unwitting, of those who lurk around the bend. These allies are the neo-isolationists, the peace-at-any-price advocates, the proponents of less and less defense, the ones who trust the Communists, the ones who abandon our allies.

"Unfortunately, in recent years their numbers in our ranks have been swelled by some who should know better. And we see some, who once worked to build the defenses necessary to maintain a strong and free America, now urging that we slink off on one of the byroads that leads only to national disgrace and eventual national disaster.

"For some strange reason I do not understand, these people -- we call them doves to be polite -- make their proposals in the name of building a better America, in the name of "re-ordering" priorities. Somehow they have forgotten that you cannot build a better America if you cannot defend America."

Dole said that while President Nixon's actions have diminished Communist hopes for victory in Vietnam, they have stepped up their activities elsewhere. Dole noted attempts of Communist expansion in the Middle East, where the President took the necessary steps to deter them, and now in Cuba.

The Kansas Senator told the audience, "I know the President and have supported his efforts to maintain world peace and American security. I shall continue to support those efforts, whether they are in Vietnam, or the Middle East, or in the Caribbean. And you can count on Jack Danforth to do the same when you send him to the Senate."

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"But I suspect that with new Soviet activity arising so close to our shores, we will suddenly be hearing cries of danger from even the soft-core doves. Be warned. They will cry that the President has been so wrapped up in the Far East and the Middle East that he has ignored the dangers off our shores. But, believe me, this is not so.

"The danger off our shores arises because the Kremlin has been listening to the voices of surrender and retreat in the United States Senate, voices that say clearly that the United States no longer has the will to fight and the will to defend either her own freedom or that of her allies, voices that call for military cutbacks, weakened commitments, and undermined alliances.

"So the Kremlin is probing again to see if what it hears is true, to see if the voice of the Senate doves is really the voice of America.

"I know it is not, and you know it is not. And that is why we are here tonight, and this is why Jack Danforth is needed:

--To give a brave and courageous President, Richard Nixon, the support he needs in the United States Senate.

--To tell the enemies and detractors of America that this President and this Congress and these people are united in defense of the nation's freedom, its interests, and its commitments."