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CHANUTE, KANS., NOV. 6, 1970 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole today discussed a seldom heard of subject in Chanute, Kansas -- Progress and What's Right with America. He spoke to the Kansas State Teachers' Association Annual Convention.

Dole said, "Every day and evening we are bombarded with a high-pitched interpretation of what is wrong. It is like taking a picture of a rose and showing only the thorns. Taken as presented, this extreme concentration on the negative could lead only to the conclusion that this great country is in the grip of anarchy, panic, repression and despair. Fortunately, you and I know that it just is not so."

"In 1920 there were 311,266 young people graduated from high schools in the United States. This year the number -- in a population that doubled -- was ten times greater."

"Institutions of higher education in this country conferred 53,516 degrees in 1920; this year they conferred more than one million."

Dole said that despite the long-term gains in this country, there is a tendency by some to cry doom. He cited many prophets of doom in the past and said that today's outcry from the negativists should be heard in the perspective of history.

While not suggesting that Americans do not face serious problems, Dole said, "As we go forward in our attack against what is wrong with America, we should never forget what is right with America."