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WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 28, 1970 -- Senator Bob Dole (Rep. Kansas) today predicted that 1971 will see the beginning of President Nixon's hoped for "generation of peace".

Dole said he is confident that while there may be American troops remaining in South Vietnam, the level of fighting will have been greatly reduced and will be carried on entirely by South Vietnamese troops.

In a New Year's statement, Senator Dole said: "As America enters the second year of the decade of the 70's, and the third year of President Nixon's Administration, I am confident we will see the President's programs for peace abroad and reform at home begin to come to fruition.

The results will be good for Kansas, good for the United States, and good for the world.

I am confident that before the year is out we will have seen the end of Americans fighting and dying in Southeast Asia. This does not mean that no American troops will be there, but it does mean that the war will have sunk to a level that can be handled entirely by South Vietnamese troops.

It means that most American troops will have come home, and it means that world opinion will have forced the North Vietnamese, if not to bargain in earnest, at least to begin the release of American Prisoners of War.

I am confident, too, that the President's policies will have maintained peace in the Middle East and elsewhere in the world. And we will see in the coming year the beginning of President Nixon's hoped for "generation of peace".

At home, I believe that despite a Congress controlled by the opposition many of the President's reform proposals will pass.

Public pressure, and demands from the Nation's Governors and Mayors, am sure will help bring about passage of a welfare reform measure and a system of revenue sharing with the cities and states.

Both of these are badly needed.

I believe we will also see further reform in the structure of the executive branch of government and in the draft.

I believe we will see President Nixon renew efforts to make the Federal Government more responsive to the needs of the people, and more operative in its dealings with lower echelons of government and with the Congress.

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Economically, all signs are that we will come out of this brief and mild recession we have had. Housing starts are already up . Other economic indications are on the bright side.

All in all, I think 1971 will be a good year from the American wage earner and American business and industry.

Finally, I think we will see significant advancement in the Nation's number one problem -- pollution. Already the President's tough stance is beginning to pay off. The laws Congress passes are no better than the executives' will to enforce them. President Nixon is one President who has shown he can and will enforce laws against pollution of air, water and land.

Altogether I am confident that 1971 will see us making progress on almost every front and that it will be a good year for America and for Americans.

And to paraphrase an old statement, "What is good for America is good for the World". I for one, welcome 1971 and I intend to do all I can to help President Nixon make it one of the best years of our lives.