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TOPEKA, KANSAS, JAN. 29, 1973 -- Senator Bob Dole today make two speaking appearances in Topeka during Kansas Day activities.

At noon, Dole addressed the Kansas County Attorney's Association at the downtown Holiday Inn.

At 1:00 p.m. he delivered a speech to the Kansas Veterans Republican Club at the Jayhawk Hotel.

Dole told the County Attorney's:

Under President Nixon's leadership and that of two hard-hitting Attorneys General there has been an unprecedented offensive launched against the criminal elements. The Law Enforcement Assistance Administration has been given the job of providing local authorities with the resources and equipment to improve their performance. Law Enforcement Special Revenue Sharing has been proposed to provide still greater aid.

The last four years have seen much progress, but there is still work to be done -- especially in the Congress. Law Enforcement Revenue Sharing has been waiting too long and must be one of the top priorities for enactment this year. I intend to work for the earliest possible passage of it and effective laws to combat air piracy, to further the attack on trafficking in drugs and to give our justice system the tools, powers and men it needs to do its job.

Turning to the recently signed peace agreement, Dole said:

While we are giving thanks for the peace, let us also remember the sacrifices of one group in particular. Of course I refer to our men held prisoners of war in Indochina. Some have been there for five, six and seven years. And their sacrifices must be regarded as among the greatest of this or any other war. They will be coming home now -- exactly when the last man will be freed is still difficult to determine. But within 58 days, by the terms of the peace agreement, they will all be back. And when the last man is returned, it will be a great day -- for those men, their families and for the entire nation.

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Dole told the Kansas Veterans Republican Club:

Let me begin by saying -- to you veterans , who have served our country in war and in peace -- a most sincere "thank you." These thanks are on behalf of President Nixon and on behalf of the millions of children who will be born and grow to adulthood and live their lives in generations of peace because of what you and he have accomplished.

Surely, there will be trying days ahead -- in Vietnam and in other corners of the world. But we have ended the war, and now we turn to building the peace. It is a large task and a precious goal.