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CENTER, ABILENE, KANS.

SPEECH

HON. ROBERT DOLE

OF KANSAS
IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES
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Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, October 14, 1971, marked an auspicious occasion in Abilene, Kans. On that day a distinguished gathering was held to commemorate the 81st anniversary of the birth of Dwight David Eisenhower and to rededicate the redesigned and enlarged museum of the Eisenhower library. Under the chairmanship of former Kansas Senator Harry Darby, a fitting and deeply moving tribute was paid to the man who meant so much to Abilene, the State of Kansas, the United States, and the cause of freedom in the world.

Present for the occasion and as gracious, charming, and dignified as ever was Mrs. Eisenhower, whose appearance was the highlight of the day for all in attendance. Former President Lyndon Johnson and Mrs. Johnson also attended, and President Johnson spoke with great feeling of his respect, regard, and affection for his predecessor upon whose advice he relied frequently while in office.

Many others, including Dr. Milton Eisenhower, attended those ceremonies and paid tribute to the fond memory of Dwight Eisenhower, soldier, statesman, and symbol of American strength, honor, warmth, and integrity.

Mr. President, the Eisenhower Center is a unique and inestimably valuable national asset. It serves as a fitting monument to General Eisenhower's life as well as a repository of valuable historical information and material. The ceremonies there last October added significantly to both of those aspects of the center, and I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the Record the text of the official program and a transcript of the day's ceremonies.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

REDEDICATION CEREMONY AT EISENHOWER MUSEUM AND LIBRARY
PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S INAUGURAL PRAYER
Almighty God, as we stand here at this moment, my future associates in the execu-

tive branch of the Government join me in beseeching that Thou will make full and complete our dedication to the service of the people in this throng and their fellow citizens everywhere.

Give us, we pray, the power to discern clearly right from wrong and allow all our words and actions to be governed thereby and by the laws of this land.

Especially we pray that our concern shall be for all the people, regardless of station, race or calling. May cooperation be permitted and be the mutual aim of those who, under the concept of our Constitution, hold to differing political beliefs—so that all may work for the good of our beloved country and for Thy glory, Amen.

PROGRAM—PLACE OF MEDITATION
MEMORIAL SERVICES AND WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY COMMEMORATING THE 81ST BIRTHDAY OF PRESIDENT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

Invocational reading of President Eisenhower's inaugural prayer, Ch. Col. W. W. Wessman.

Laying of the Presidential Wreath, the Honorable Robert H. Finch, Representing the Honorable Richard Nixon, President of the United States.

Musket Salute, Fort Riley Firing Squad.
Taps, the Bugler of the 371st Army Band, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

REDEDICATION CEREMONY, EISENHOWER MUSEUM, DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER LIBRARY

Invocation, Ch. Col. W. W. Wessman.
Presiding, the Honorable Harry Darby, Chairman, Eisenhower Museum Dedication Committee.

National Anthem, Pfc. Dean Durst, (Vocalist) 371st Army Band, Conducted by CWO Randolph A. Rockne, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Introductions, the Honorable Harry Darby. Greetings from President Richard Nixon, the Honorable Robert H. Finch, Counselor to the President of the United States.

Remarks, the Honorable Robert L. Kunzig, Administrator of General Services, Dr. James B. Rhoads, The Archivist of the United States.

Introduction of Mamie Dowd Eisenhower, the Honorable Harry Darby.
Address, General Lauris Norstad, USAF retired.

Benediction, Ch. Col. W. W. Wessman.

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HOME TO VOTE, U. S. Senator Bob Dole arrived at the Russell airport shortly after noon Tuesday. Shown with him at the airport are, from left, his daughter, Robin; Mayor Roger Williams; county Republican chairman, Mrs. Roger Williams; county Dole chairman, Mrs. A. D. Glenn; and City Manager Jim Boyd. A CBS camera crew from Chicago met Dole here to show him voting in Ward 1 at Simpson School. After stopping in several other towns during the afternoon, Dole

joined his daughter, parents and brother in Topeka Tuesday night for an election return party at the Downtown Ramada Inn. The senator's optimistic outlook shown here Tuesday was reflected in his mid-evening concession of victory in his favor by opponent Dr. Bill Roy, Topeka. Dole and his family were pictured on WIBW television Tuesday night and he and his brother, Kenneth, were shown on national CBS news during the evening. (Staff Photo)

'Republicans Must Concentrate On Winning Elections,' Dole

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Robert Dole, R-Kan., today advised Republicans to concentrate on winning elections and quit worrying about "ideological purity." Otherwise, he said, their chances of making a political comeback will be seriously crippled.

In an address before the annual winter meeting of the Republican Governors' Association, the 1976 GOP vice presidential nominee warned that if the party spends the next four years splitting ideological hairs, we are going to be very ineffectual as the party in opposition.

Urging the Republicans to avoid party factionalism of the left or right, Dole said the staking out the vast political middle ground and becoming a party that offers "realistic alternatives" to the Democrats.

Observing that the two wings of the GOP were "in constant, fruitless competition," Dole said the party was weak because it had not occupied the "very barren middle ground" of the political field.

The governors, their numbers depleted to an even dozen by last month's election, were meeting on the final day of a two-day conference focused on what the GOP can do to save itself from political extinction.

"I am more interested now in our winning elections and surviving, than I am in seeing our party fade into history proudly clinging to some narrow notion of ideological purity," Dole said.

The Kansan said Republicans had to learn how to present what they stand for "in a way that doesn't make us appear to be an elitist group."

He said that the party had to "find the common ground we can all stand upon, and not isolate ourselves on separate islands that drift further and further apart."

One by one, governors, former governors and governors-elect rose at the beginning of a two-day annual winter meeting Monday to dissect the party's problems and propose what could be done to prevent any further decline.

Former Gov. Tom McCall of Oregon blamed the party's right wing for the GOP's demise. Former Treasury Secretary John Connally said the party had to shed its image of negativism and come up with clear new alternatives to Democratic programs.

Outgoing GOP National Chairman Mary Louise Smith said the party had to be "a constructive opposition but we cannot just be against. We also must stand for something positive."

Mrs. Smith proposed that the GOP establish a national policy committee of Republican leaders "to harness ideas and set directions" for the party's future and include participation by the governors.

Urging the GOP to put forth major new proposals that would give the party a new identity, Connally suggested the party push for a six-year limitation on terms for president; an eight-year, one-term limit for senators; and a four-year, two-term limit for congressmen.

"Let's not just put ourselves in a position of just being negative," Connally said, adding that "people were not going to vote Republican simply if we change our name. Let's be for something."

For example, Connally said many voters believed the GOP "is against any form of national health insurance." But he said some form of health protection was needed and inevitable and the GOP should stake out its position soon.