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Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kans) was the principal speaker at the St. John Lutheran Parent-Teacher League Thursday evening, November 18. The topic assigned to Congressman Dole for discussion was "Better Dead Than Red, Neither Left Nor Right".

In his remarks, Congressman Dole discussed America's heritage in today's world and the fight for freedom in Viet Nam. In discussing our commitment in Viet Nam, he said, "There are two main American policy objectives with regard to South Viet Nam: 1) to contain the expansion of Communism within its present borders; 2) to strengthen the viability of South Viet Nam and to guarantee its right of sovereignty, free from external aggression and interference."

He noted that the American commitment in Viet Nam and the ensuing responsibilities because of that commitment mean that many young Americans will be killed or wounded in a far-off land which many Americans know little about and, under normal circumstances, pay little attention to. The struggle in Viet Nam will certainly mean that the casualty level will grow and grow. In fact, it appears from the nature of the recent fighting that we are going to have some more bloody and more frequent fights with not just lightly armed guerrillas but well-trained and armed regular North Vietnamese troops. As of November 1st, we had suffered 1275 deaths from all causes, 902 of these from what the Pentagon calls hostile action, 4825 wounded, and 114 missing and captured. We know that these 6200-odd casualties are small beside our 157,000 in Korea and over one million in World War II, but they will grow. Even worse, there is the awesome possibility that this war could escalate into something that might threaten to or even actually wreak terrible losses on those of us who seem so safe at home.

Dole concluded, "If we are to keep faith with those who have been willing in the past to suffer and die for the principles of Christian freedom and sacrifice on which our nation is based, then we must be willing to assume the dangers and losses which their survival demands in a world threatened with Communist tyranny."