

GATES CITY, VIRGINIA  
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Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kansas) Saturday night told a southern Virginia Republican audience that the 1968 GOP Presidential nominee would be elected because "the Democrat Party has split into three factions -- Johnson Democrats, Wallace Democrats, and far-left Democrats."

Speaking before a Scott County Republican dinner meeting at Gates City, Virginia, the Kansas lawmaker declared that "the so-called Johnson consensus of 1964 is shattered beyond repair.

"The decline and fall of the Johnson Administration can be traced to its inability to provide performance equal to the promises it made during the 1964 campaign, both in the foreign and domestic fields," Representative Dole said.

"The result is that President Johnson is facing a severe war in his own party, and because of this gap between past promise and current performance, it is beyond his power to heal the breach.

"We have had unpopular national administration in past years," ~~said~~ Dole, "but seldom in American history has any President suffered as rapid a decline in office as has Lyndon Johnson. The high tide of 1964 has proven to be the dry gulch of 1967."