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Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kansas), speaking at the Convention of Young Republicans here today, charged the land reform program in South Vietnam with being "total, abject, humiliating failure."

Dole reported that various governments of South Vietnam, while having over 4.8 million acres available for distribution, have only provided 667,000 acres to individuals desiring ownership.

During fiscal 1967 the United States contributed over \$1.6 million to the land reform effort, Dole told the Republican group.

"The average cost to the United States per acre last year for South Vietnamese land reform was approximately \$32.00. If the United States faces similar cost in each land reform program undertaken throughout the developing world," Dole said, "our treasury may not be able to stand all the progress."

Dole again charged Governor Docking with having an unrealistically rosy view of the pacification program and the land reform effort.

"I do not know where he (Governor Docking) obtained his information, but the facts as determined by an 18 months' study of the pacification program by the Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee of the House Committee on Government Operations are at odds with his findings," Dole charged.

Dole is a member of the Subcommittee cited, and has taken an interest in the pacification and land reform efforts since the Subcommittee began its studies over a year and a half ago.

"In my opinion," Dole said, "the Administration must provide unmistakable direction in the area of land reform. The United States has suffered over 100,000 casualties, and the end is nowhere in sight. If indeed land reform is essential to winning the war, as it appears, then we must be about it with all the force and direction which can be mustered."