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HUTCHINSON, KANS., Dec. 2 -- U. S. Rep. Bob Dole (R-Kans.) told young Republicans here tonight there must be a better way than LBJ.

Dole spoke at a banquet concluding the two-day biennial convention of the Kansas Federation of Young Republicans.

"Republicans can defeat Lyndon Johnson in 1968," said Dole. "We can replace the Administration's discredited policies and programs with a Republican profile of peace, prosperity and preservation of freedom."

Dole said the 1968 election campaign will hinge on solutions to four main issues -- Vietnam conflict, domestic crime, fiscal crisis and low farm income.

He cautioned, however, voters want solutions -- not just negative or anti-Johnson responses.

Dole termed US involvement in Viet Nam "a comprehensive Democrat failure." He added, "The Democratic foreign policy has failed to curb development of the tragedy we endure there."

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"While President Johnson promotes 'building bridges' to Communist nations, these same nations are furnishing war material to be used by Communist troops against Americans in Vietnam."

Turning to domestic issues, Dole said the crime rate has risen over 50 per cent faster than the population in the past seven years. The increase of crime, Dole explained, shows a 17 per cent climb in the first six months of 1967 compared with the same period last year.

The Democrat Administration's inadequate response to crime is the result of an underlying political and social philosophy I call 'The Permissive Society'."

As an example, Dole said US Attorney General Ramsey Clark "has failed to move firmly and quickly against the irresonsible mob element which openly flouts law and order."

"If America is to survive," Dole said, "'The Permissive Society' -- created and developed by Democrat social engineers and theorists -- must be replaced soon by a 'Constructive Society'."

On the fiscal decline, Dole said President Johnson has created a \$60.5 billion deficit in five years.

"The American people want a stable dollar," Dole said. "They're tired of irresponsible government fiscal policies which erode their purchasing power."

Dole said farm income is low because of "weak" Administration policies.

"The American farmer has been the outcast of The Great Society," Dole said. "The Administration has emphasized urban problems and programs while the plight of the rural American has steadily worsened."

"Adding political insult to economic injury," he said, "the Secretary of Agriculture has tried to blame the farmer for higher food prices brought about largely by the Administration's own inflationary spending programs."