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KANSAS CITY, Kans., March 25 -- Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today urged business and industry to take a greater lead in erasing the social and economic causes of crime and civil disobedience.

Speaking to a group of Armourdale businessmen here, Dole said, "We must go where the need is. We must create employment, put people to work."

Urging the businessmen to expand recruiting and training programs, he said, "We must reach out to recruit the hopeless in the slums where they live. Men who have given up on themselves must be shown that others have not."

"When business and industry have identified their own interests with the curing of our explosive social problems," Dole said, "they have forged far ahead of other sectors of our community."

To encourage more business involvement, the Kansas Congressman said the government should provide tax, credit and other incentives.

"Government aid can only support," Dole said. "Massive federal doses of money and manpower into depressed areas cannot solely strike at the social and economic causes of violent unrest and crime."

In his speech, Dole also called for vigorous and fair law enforcement to help curb crime and civil disobedience.

Pointing out "there can be no compromise with crime," he said, "As surely as the Supreme Court has bent over backwards to assure no innocent man will ever be punished, so it must equally pursue the basic purpose of criminal law -- protection of the public and society from lawless acts."