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SEDGWICK, Kans., March 29 -- Congressman Bob Dole, in a speech to Harvey County Republican women here, said "Our country is beset with critical crises which have been caused or worsened by the Democratic Party. Because of 'Great Society' spending programs, our country could suffer a severe recession, even if spending cuts were made now and taxes were increased. The Johnson Administration just would not listen to the great majority of the American people and continue to insist on a 'guns and butter' policy."

"With all their massive federal spending since 1960", Dole added, "the Democratic Party and the Johnson Administration have failed to solve our major problems -- inflation, farm cost-price squeeze, unemployment, rising crime, widening gulf between the races, disaffection of former American allies and the Vietnam war."

"President Johnson", Dole said, "crowds about his accomplishments in social welfare, not by concrete results, but in terms of additional billions of federal dollars thrown at problems that simply will not yield to the LBJ treatment".

"In reality", the Kansas Congressman added, "Democratic fiscal policies have plagued America with cost and price inflation, massive federal deficits, some of the highest interest rates in a century and repeated attacks on the dollar".

Pointing out both Republican and Democrat parties "want what is best for America", Dole said, "Where we differ is not on our goals or ends, but on the means to those ends. Republicans have better and less costly ways to achieve them."

"The nation must have new leadership -- great new leadership that will restore this country to fiscal sanity, destroy the ghettos and rebuild our cities, bring us to honorable peace and make us proud of America again", Dole said.