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IOLA AND PITTSBURG, Kans., April 16 -- Congressman Bob Dole today said only new leadership can satisfactorily solve America's four major crises -- Vietnam, dollar stability and outflow of gold, crime and civil disobedience, and the credibility gap.

Speaking at two meetings sponsored by the Allen county Republican women in Iola and Crawford county Republican women in Pittsburg, the Kansas Congressman said, "These are fateful days -- our freedoms, our democracy, our very way of life are undergoing a severe test."

"Historians may well describe the election of 1968 against a backdrop of war and domestic violence when many feared our nation's destruction through anarchy," he added.

"We must achieve a just and honorable peace in Viet Nam," Dole said, "and eliminate riots and violence and their causes in our cities."

"We must strengthen the soundness of the dollar and stop the gold flow," he added.

"We must restore the confidence of the people in their own government and its leaders," he said.

"These problems," Dole said, "stem from the larger problem -- dearth of leadership. To effect a re-birth of American purpose and direction, there is only one answer -- elect leadership that embodies trust and confidence, cooperation and unity."

"It is the Republican party that will provide the leadership," he added, "because the party now in power is torn by divisiveness."

In addition, he said, "Republicans offer their banner to the vast numbers of Independents and Democrats who reject more of the same tired policies -- patched-up, repainted, but basically the same."

"All across the country," Dole said, "voters are beginning to realize our country's vital need for new leadership, new direction, a new future."