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FT. SCOTT, Kans., July 13 -- Congressman Bob Dole today said America can begin to curb civil disorders by helping the poor help themselves and emphasizing law and order.

Speaking here at a Republican meeting, Dole said, "What is needed first is an individual rededication to the truth which the authors of the Declaration of Independence saw as self-evident -- that all men are created equal."

"A change in attitudes won't eliminate slum conditions, but it will help cool the passions which have caused loss of life and destroyed portions of our cities."

On aid for the poor and disadvantaged, Dole said, "Perhaps the most important way is jobs -- good-paying jobs that will bring dignity, self-respect and the respect of others to the unemployed and the under-employed."

"To provide the jobs," Dole said, "the federal government must help make the rebuilding of our cities a more attractive new business itself."

The Congressman said the government should offer tax credits to business and industry as an incentive to build some industrial plants and provide large-scale on-the-job training in the cities and to construct some low-cost housing.

Dole also called for federal revenue-sharing with the states and local communities "to bring them into full partnership in the problem - solving."

"But," he cautioned, "there can be no progress and no rebuilding in the cities until the riots stop, until law and order are assured."

"So we must not only enlist private enterprise in a nationwide attack on the conditions leading to civil disobedience, we must also launch a sweeping program to control crime and juvenile delinquency, improve law enforcement and overhaul our court system," he said.

"The freedom and security of every person depends upon all people obeying the law," he added. "We must keep in mind if we destroy obedience to the law, the minorities will be the first and

most fearful losers."