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SPRINGFIELD, ILL., Feb. 12 -- U. S. Senator Bob Dole of Kansas today spoke to a Lincoln-Day gathering of Republicans in Springfield. On Vietnam, Dole said the new negotiating team in Paris will bring an honorable end to the war.

Dole added, "The path to total peace in Vietnam will be neither easy nor short, but the new negotiators are, at least, free of the legacy of past failures."

He said the Nixon Administration 'faces the reality that the United States should not be expected to keep the peace alone'. Quoting the President, Dole said, " 'Peace is everybody's business and the pursuit of peace, everyone's responsibility'."

Commenting further on the Nixon Administration and U.S. foreign policy, Dole said Nixon will give the American people "only facts on U.S. commitments abroad". The Senator concluded that Nixon "will not create a crisis of confidence in our national leadership as has been the trend in the past few years".

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