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SALINA, KANS., MAY 10--U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) in an address to the 19th annual convention of the Kansas Association of Radio Broadcasters said, "The 111 days of the Nixon Administration have been calm, productive and marked with confidence." Dole said, "Although President Nixon was immediately confronted with the controversial ABM System, the long-running Vietnam War and student unrest among other issues, he has continued to gain and sustain the support and respect of Americans, neighbors, allies, friends and foes."

On Vietnam, the Senator emphasized that Nixon has placed top priority on ending the war. He said, "At the very least we can expect the South Vietnamese to assume a greater responsibility for the war effort during this next year."

On inflation, Dole said, "President Nixon realizes that present conditions have made fiscal restraint imperative. By reducing outlays for lower priority programs, he continued, there will be room in the future for major innovations pledged last year."

On student unrest, the Senator said, "We do not want" government control of wur schools..but as we look at the situation today, the President feels as I feel that all of those who have a responsibility for providing educational leadership must recognize that there can be no compromise with lawlessness and no surrender to force if free education is to survive in the United States of America."

And on the ABM controversy, Dole said, "President Nixon availed himself to the same thorough fact-finding study as Congress is doing now before he decided in favor of the Safeguard system." The Senator concluded, "President Nixon's decision to deploy the ABM System directly affects the security of the United States, the life of every American and the survival of freedom everywhere. The President justly resolved the ABM issue on the side of our national security and I hope Congress follows his example.