

FROM: THE OFFICE OF U.S. SENATOR BOB DOLE
NEW SENATE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510
(202) 225-6521

///

FOR RELEASE AFTER 8 P.M., SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 1969

LAWRENCE, Kans., June 1 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today told over 1000 high school boys, "At a time when the destructive acts of a few young people receive widespread publicity, it is especially gratifying to be with young men who are seeking to make positive contributions to our society."

Dole gave the keynote speech here at the American Legion's Boys' State program on the University of Kansas campus.

"As part of 23 million young people between the ages of 17 and 24," Dole said, "you are potentially one of the most influential forces in America."

"As you are called upon to assume responsibility and leadership in your communities now and in your adult years," he added, "your participation in Boys' State will help you exercise your influence with greater reason and responsibility."

"Government at all levels needs knowledgeable, educated young people, if it is to remain a creative institution," Dole said.

"You are laying the groundwork for valuable service in your communities, state and nation if you absorb and apply the experiences and the practical knowledge available to you through Boys' State."