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WICHITA, KANS., OCT. 2---U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) tonight said "instant critics" of the Nixon Administration's handling of the Vietnam war "should launch their attacks against the North Vietnamese and the Vietcong, not the President."

Speaking here at a convention of the Kansas Motor Carriers, Dole said, "I am not here to make partisan attacks on the critics of the war. But I do want to discuss some of this criticism in light of the facts.

"These are not Republican facts or Democrat facts," he added. "They are national facts, just as this war is a national war.

"How can any responsible spokesman for the party that spent eight years involving us in a war have the effrontery to complain that President Nixon has not ended it in eight months?" Dole asked. "How can those closely aligned with the late President Kennedy, the first chief executive to send American combat troops to Vietnam, complain that President Nixon has not achieved an agreement to stop shooting?"

"It is time for the instant critics to unite and support the President," Dole said. "It is high time for the instant critics to launch their attacks against the North Vietnamese and the Vietcong.

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"They could very properly condemn the enemy for being unresponsive to the peace overtures proffered by both Presidents Nixon and Johnson. The critics' failure to do this or to be objective in their criticism must be encouraging and comforting to Hanoi. It must lead the North Vietnamese and Vietcong to believe they can achieve their goal without military victory by waiting for the American disciples of retreat and defeat to further divide our nation."

Citing Nixon's efforts to bring an end to the war through negotiations, Dole reviewed Nixon's eight-point program to end the fighting.

"His proposals, made on May 14, included withdrawal of all non-South Vietnamese forces and the establishment of an international supervisory body acceptable to both sides to verify troop withdrawal," Dole said. "He also proposed a cease fire and the conduct of free elections within South Vietnam. The only point on which the President is unwilling to yield is the right of the South Vietnamese people to decide what kind of government they will have and who will govern them.

"For the first time since the Vietnam conflict began we have a President who is contracting, not escalating, the war. We have a President who is bringing American boys home alive. We have an American President who is willing to go the last mile for peace."