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WASHINGTON, D.C. Nov. 12---U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) said today on the Senate floor "Those who criticize Vice President Agnew may be out of touch with the great majority of Americans."

Dole said Washington, D.C. is "bracing now for a weekend of demonstrations which, hopefully, will not end in violence leading to loss of life, personal body injury, or destruction of property. It should be clear, however, that there is widespread concern, not just by those who oppose any demonstration, but by even many of the responsible leaders of the so-called peace march itself.

"Those who are not concerned about the best interest of America have attacked policemen and innocent civilians, they have set out to disrupt governments and institutions and they have offered no tolerance or toleration of other points of view or of others' rights.

"We have heard them speak out for victory for Hanoi and we have seen them carrying the Communist flag. But only a few indignant voices have been raised in protest. Only a few have dared to point out who these people are, what they are and what they are doing to our America.

"One of these is the Vice President of the United States. He has dared to label these hatemongers for what they are.

"He has dared to attack those who use the word 'peace' as they set out to foster revolt and inflame violence," Dole continued. "He has dared to call on decent Americans 'to raise our voices in spirited defense of the most successful society the world has yet known.'

"Despite the efforts of the liberal and biased media in America, who too often report only what might inflame Americans, the great majority has rallied behind the Vice President. He is fast becoming a symbol for the 'forgotten' American, the man who works and pays his taxes, goes to church and thanks God he is an American.

"The great majority of Americans do not profess to have the answers to all America's ills; they may not be satisfied with every governmental decision or policy, but they still have respect for their government and are not hoodwinked by the self-appointed zealots who say they speak for America. These Americans -- by and large -- are grateful to Vice President Agnew for reflecting their views."