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REMARKS OF SENATOR BOB DOLE  
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STAND UP FOR AMERICA

~~MR. DOLE: Mr. President, in our nation there is a small faction of anarchists, terrorists and Communists that have set out deliberately to disrupt and hopefully, for them, destroy our country.~~

Unfortunately, thousands of other fine young Americans who are concerned about the war in Vietnam and wars generally and who wish to make their voices heard may be unwittingly aiding the cause of those mentioned above.

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 <sup>peace</sup> ~~peace~~ march itself. They know what has happened in California, in Chicago, in our nation's capital, and on many college campuses in the past, and there are some who are fearful it could happen here again before the week is out.

Those who are not concerned about the best interests of America have attacked policemen and innocent civilians, they have spit on the American flag and trampled it under foot and burned it. They have set out to disrupt governments and institutions. They have offered no

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tolerance or toleration of other points of view or of others' rights. They have lifted strident voices in shouts of pig, fascist, nazi, warmonger. We have heard them shout: "Hey, hey, LBJ, how many babies have you killed today?"

We have heard them speak out for victory for Hanoi and we have seen them ~~carrying~~ <sup>carrying</sup> the Communist flag and heard their battle cry: "Ho, Ho, Ho Chi Minh."

We have seen and heard all these things and more. But only a few indignant voices have been raised in protest. Only a few have dared to point out who these people are and what they are and what their purpose is 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. He has dared to call on decent Americans "to <sup>raise</sup> ~~raise~~ our voices in spirited defense of the most successful society the world has yet known."

He has not, despite reports from a biased media, included all young Americans who dissent in his criticism because he recognizes this right is basic to the foundation of America.

He has dared to stand up for the United States of America. And for this courage we see not only the far left and the new left, but others, loyal, patriotic Americans who have differing political views, use the Vice President's statements to pillory and insult him.

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In the name of fighting McCarthyism, we have seen them stoop to McCarthyist tactics against the second highest ranking elected official in our land.

And we have seen them blame him for dividing a nation because he has the courage to defend the institutions that have made that nation great.

Mr. President, there are those among us who decry a Vice President with the courage of his decent convictions, yet condone the convictions and actions of those who seek to divide and destroy us, who seek to drag the United States down to defeat.

Mr. President, those who are so eager to criticize the Vice President may be out of touch with the great majority of Americans. Again, 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. He does not profess to have the answers to all America's ills; he may not be satisfied with every governmental decision or policy, but he still has respect for his government and is 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.