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MCPHERSON, Kans., Nov. ~~23~~¹⁴ -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today said,
"Kansas has always had the right kind of ^{squares} squares."

Speaking here during "Americanism Week" sponsored by the McPherson Chamber of Commerce, Dole said, "Our state has always been a place where pride is taken in our country, and patriotism is the 'in' thing."

"McPherson's Week of Americanism is not new, just more important this year, not only here but in other parts of the country where it has become rather unfashionable to show any pride or joy in being an American."

"In some places, a person is 'square if he flies the flag in front of his home," Dole said. "He's weird' if he speaks out the words of the pledge of allegiance or sings clearly and strongly the national anthem."

"I have always been proud that this insidious decay of the national fibre has never characterized the people of our state," he added.

"A straightforward patriotic swell is not a reaction against the exercise of free speech, dissent and petition of grievances," Dole said.

^{to} "The fly the flag or sing the 'Star Spangled Banner' is not protest against anything. It is affirmation of everything good and great in this country -- including other people's rights to disagree and to dissent."

After his speech, Dole dedicated a armory drill hall to the late Major Robert Turner of McPherson who died last May in Vietnam.