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WASHINGTON, D.C. May 2 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today hailed the Friday night "Appeal for International Justice" which filled Constitution Hall here a great success.

Dole was chairman of the joint House-Senate committee which organized the appeal.

"This may be the real beginning in attracting nation-wide attention to the plight of our men who are prisoners of war or are missing in action in Southeast Asia," Dole said.

Approximately 25 Kansans were among the nearly 1000 family members of men missing or prisoners of war who attended.

Vice President Spiro Agnew, Capt. James A. Lovell, Jr., commander of the Apollo 13 crew and Dallas industrialist H. Ross Perot were among the speakers.

"A follow-up appeal is being held today on the Wichita State University campus," Dole said. "It is my hope that meeting will be only one of many similar events all across the nation."