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SEATTLE, WASH. June 13 -- "The word 'war' has been grossly over-used, but there is one area where no other word is as apt," U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) said here this morning. Dole spoke before the King County Republican Convention.

"That's in the area of crime," he said, "for truly, if we are to control crime, we must wage an all out war against it.

"That's exactly what the Nixon Administration is doing. Financial and technical assistance to state and local law enforcement authorities has been greatly increased.

"Thirteen Justice Department Strike Forces of prosecutors and investigators are now on duty throughout the country and seven more will soon be established.

"Results of these two programs are beginning to show. There is a downward trend in the rate of increase of criminal activity across the country and indictments and prosecutions of key syndicate leaders are on the upswing.

"But this is just the beginning. Additional legislation will be needed and has been proposed. What Congress decides on these new proposals could well determine the outcome of our war on crime."