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U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) spoke Saturday to audiences in Bloomington, Ill., and Clear Lake, Iowa. The Kansas Senator voiced his concern over many events that had occurred early in this decade but expressed hope for the future.

Dole said, "Two years ago the first rays of light broke through. The task of reordering priorities and turning America around is no small task. But it is being done. And last week we saw another major step taken along the great high road back to moral pre-eminence for America."

"And that step was taken, I am proud to say, in my own beloved state of Kansas."

"There President Nixon spoke to 16,000 students at Kansas State University, and in the simple eloquence of his address, we knew, if we had not known before, that the sun is up; courage, and wisdom are once more to be honored in America. That rare capacity for domestic diplomacy which is the hallmark of the great democratic leader is seen again -- heard again -- in America, in our President, Richard M. Nixon."

"As our colleges and universities open their doors for another academic year, we as a nation have been conscious of rapidly approaching a time of decision -- a time when we must determine to save the great centers of learning in this nation -- or relinquish them forever to a generation of vipers; and with them relinquish forever our high destiny as a people."

"Richard Nixon saw the turning point, and made clear and certain to all the choice this nation intends to make: 'the time has come' he said, 'for us to recognize that violence and terror have no place in a free society, whoever the perpetrators and whatever their purported cause. In a system that provides the means for peaceful change, no cause justifies violence in the name of change.'"

Dole continued, "But it is not enough to have a President we can rely on in the extremity. If the President is to move America forward, then he just have men around him that he can depend upon. He must have a Congress which will give him the legislation he needs to fulfill the mandate of the people."

"The Administration has accomplished much since coming into office. But much of what has been accomplished has been accomplished not because of a Congress responding to Presidential initiatives and to the will of the people, but rather in spite of a Congress which has all too often reacted in fear and jealousy of the President's efforts, and in calculated defiance of the will of the people."

Dole informed the audience, "In the first eight years of the past decade, this nation took every inflationary step it could. It spent abroad and it spent at home, and it made no choice between guns and butter -- it bought both."

"As you know, when you have too much money chasing too few goods, the inevitable result is an increase in prices. So prices moved, and wages moved, and before we knew it, we had an inflationary spiral going that was hair-raising."

"When the President came into office, there was alleged to be a surplus of 2.4 billion dollars in the treasury. There was no surplus. There was an illusion created by the school of accounting which maintains that the hand is quicker than the eye."

Nevertheless, in April of that year, the President cut four billion dollars from the Johnson budget. Three months later, he cut another three and a half billion. He deferred federal spending at every possible turn. For the first time in anyone's memory, a President has had the courage to say to the Pentagon you must meet your defense responsibilities and you must also meet your fiscal responsibilities. And defense spending is going down, while our defense posture remains strong."

Dole added, "We need men in the Congress to help support the President in his fight to bring a genuine prosperity to this country -- one based on an honest day's pay for an honest day's work -- one that isn't constructed to reward those who are slick enough and fast enough on their feet to cash in on this welfare scheme or that social experiment."