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TOLEDO, OHIO, Oct. 17 -- "Our civilization is in the balance with blind violence," U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) said today. "To the degree that we permit the undoing of order in America, to the extent that we accept the flaunting of the law in America, to that degree and to that extent do we jeopardize civilization itself," Dole said. "For when the law is struck down, there is no bulwark between brotherhood and barbarism -- between civilization and savagery," Dole spoke at Republican rallies in Lima and Toledo, Ohio.

"In the rape and the riot, and the arson and looting, the mugging and the dope peddling, the murder -- in these we see the logical end of a permissive society," the Kansas Senator said.

"As we watch a nation based on mutual respect and mutual regard attacked, and crippled by the law of the jungle, we stand indicted in the eyes of our children, we stand accused in the eyes of those young men who fight for us in Vietnam. Have they defended freedom at Khe Sanh and Cambodia and in the Delta, only to see it attacked in San Francisco and Chicago and Philadelphia? Can we redeem America, or will we let it falter under the blows of the mugger, and the con man and the pseudo-revolutionary?"

"The Democrat liberals who created this mess are dashing around now talking about law and order. They know a good thing when they see it. They know the people are fed up. They know Americans want to see the law enforced and order maintained.

"America can be redeemed and you can do it by helping to build a Republican majority in the United States Senate.

"The American nation has a covenant with the future. We intend to keep that covenant.

"We have not worked and struggled for 200 years in the service of human freedom and human dignity to relinquish our heritage to those who hold political advantage above public responsibility.

"We have responsibilities for maintaining public peace and security in our land and we intend to meet those responsibilities.

"We have the responsibility for maintaining the credibility of this nation in the eyes of the world and we must meet that responsibility, too.

"It is clear that we must elect men who put America first; men whose responsibility is not to themselves, nor to their party, but to this nation and its people.

"Bob Taft is the man in Ohio who fits that description."