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JOPLIN, MISSOURI, OCT. 21, 1970 -- "Support for President Nixon is the crucial issue of this year's Congressional campaign," said U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today speaking at a Republican dinner here.

"In the Senate, support for President Nixon means gaining a Republican majority, and with only seven additional seats, we will take control. Every vote for Jack Danforth is a vote for new Senate leadership which will not physically obstruct the processes of the Congress for the narrow personal and partisan interests of one or two members, as happened with the 1971 Farm Bill, just two weeks ago."

"Every vote for Jack Danforth is a vote for new Republican Committee Chairmen and, a vote for a new TV series on the nightly newscasts when a Republican Senate is going about the Nation's work instead of browbeating and second-guessing President Nixon on every domestic and international move he makes," said Dole.

Commenting on the Vietnam war, the Kansas Senator reported, "When President Nixon took office, there were more than half a million men in Southeast Asia and we were losing our men at a casualty rate of 300 per week -- nearly eight times the rate today. Over the first two weeks of this month, we lost 84 lives in Vietnam -- the lowest casualty figure for a two-week period in nearly five years. I do not hold out the loss of 84 lives as a triumph. The loss of a single life in Vietnam is a tragedy. But the President is trying desperately to write an end to that tragedy, and he is succeeding."

"The Democrat Party and their philosophically bankrupt candidates have sought to make peace a political issue, but peace is not a political issue."

"This is a hard thing, this war; and it is made harder by those politicians who are determined to cash in on it right down to the last drop of our young men's blood."

"The President has done a great deal, but there is a great deal left to be done. He cannot do it with a Democrat majority in the Senate.

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