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KANSAS CITY, MO., NOV. 2, 1970 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today told the audience at the Kansas City Young Matrons Luncheon that handicapped men, women and children in America are not receiving the care they need and should have.

Dole said that although President Nixon is concerned, "I would hope that all Americans in this time would follow the President in this matter of great human concern."

One of the problem areas cited by Dole was the lack of information available to the public and to the handicapped themselves. He said, "Just as the handicapped suffer from what the rest of the public does not know, they also suffer from what they do not know themselves. The handicapped have substantial resources in this country which they can draw upon ... but all too frequently they are not aware of this."

Dole recently introduced in the Senate a measure to support the establishment of a National Information and Resource Center for the handicapped. The Center would be located within the Department of HEW and would serve as a clearing house for information of value to the handicapped. The measure passed the Senate by a vote of 64 to 1.

Dole also discussed the great numbers of young men returning from Vietnam that are "the crippled, the handicapped, the maimed -- men who have lost limbs, others who have lost their minds ... We owe them the opportunity to live fully in the society we sent them to defend."

On a larger scope, Dole said, "Statistics indicate that almost 42 million people in this country suffer from disabling conditions. We cannot afford this America cannot afford to waste the talent and energy and ability of better than 20 per cent of her population. These people must have the care they need, and they must have the opportunity to play an active role in our society."