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WASHINGTON, D.C., Aug. 4, 1971 --- Gov. Nelson Rockefeller of New York has shot down press efforts to sow discord between National Chairman Bob Dole and some Republican governors, according to an article in this week's Republican National Committee publication FIRST MONDAY.

The article quoted a portion of a speech the dean of the Republican governors gave last week that expressed his appreciation for the Kansas Senator and Republican National Chairman:

"...I think he is one of the greatest leaders for our party that we have had in our history. I was overwhelmed by his leadership qualities, watching him at a dinner meeting down in Nassau County. There were about 4,200 people attending. Well, 4,200 Republicans after dinner --- that's not the easiest audience to address --- but Bob was the only speaker of the evening who could get their attention. He not only got it, he held it. You could hear a pin drop. He was supporting President Nixon and he was supporting the policies of our party and our government. He did a beautiful job. As a fellow Republican, I would like to say thank you, Bob, for what you are doing."