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Rep. Robert F. Ellsworth of Lawrence and Rep. Robert J. Dole of Russell spoke at a Regional Young Republican Conference today in Tulas, Okla. They stated that as members of the opposition party in the 87th Congress they would always work for the best interests of the country and their Districts. They have no intention whatsoever of obstructing the new administration simply in order to obstruct.

It was also pointed out in their speeches that they are among the 25 new members of the House of Representatives under 40. This is indicative of the youthful, vigorous leadership being developed in the ~~New~~ Republican Party.

Both Mr. Ellsworth and Mr. Dole pointed to the Party's gain of 20 seats in the House of Representatives and 208 seats in State Legislatures as proof of the resurgent strength of the Republican party.

Rep. Dole stated that he was definitely opposed to any attempt to pack the Rules Committee.

(This release was taken over the phone verbatim by Mr. Haslett of AP, partially by Mr. McGee of UPI, and Mr. Jack Williams of the KC Star suggested that the release emanate from Tulas.)

✓ c/c Mr. Dole