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Congressman Bob Dole, the principal speaker at the Kansas Young Americans for Freedom Constitutional Convention in Wichita tonight stated that in order to stem the tide of "New Frontier" social programs and "others, advocated by anyone, which would lead to ultimate loss of our basic freedoms," the "farmers, businessmen, professional men and women, the wage-earner and all others who have not only a present interest, but a regard for the future of freedom for our country," must unite. The biggest ~~fact~~ failing of those who believe in sound, conservative government is that "we spend too much time talking to ourselves instead of 'each other'," Dole stated.

The Congressman also indicated he had serious doubts about "these groups which send out reams and reams of material to people throughout the country praising the Constitution, talking about constitutional rights and basic freedoms, and the need for the preservation of our free-enterprise system. In many instances one wonders whether some of these are really dedicated to preserving our freedoms or whether ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ the dedication lies in 'exploiting' those who ~~rk~~ rally to the cause of freedom."

Dole chided those who want no part of politics for business or other reasons, and made reference to a letter dated December 3 received from H. Ladd Plumley, President of the United States Chamber of Commerce, in which Plumley expressed concern about continuing deficits and the rising national debt. Congressman Dole indicated Plumley had no such concern prior to November 6 and summed up his views by stating "Until such time as we are as willing to 'fight' for certain principles, as we are to 'talk and complain,' we will continue to have deficit spending, a rising national debt, increasing ^{federal} federal controls, bigger government and many, many undesirable programs pushed through Congress under the guise of 'progress'."