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NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE TALKS OF NEW FREEDOM ISSUES

Williamsburg, Va. -- Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) declared today that the American people yearn to be free from criminal terror, a rising tax load, uncertainty about planning their lives, and over-domination by bureaucratic regulators and powerful labor unions.

Addressing the Virginia Republican Party's Commonwealth dinner at the Conference Center here, Dole said the GOP stands for individual freedom and responsibility on many of the day's emerging issues.

ANTI-TERRORIST LEGISLATION

He urged the enactment of new federal legislation he sponsored which would prevent the immediate pre-trial release of terrorists who threaten the lives of hostages.

"Our society is worse off than anyone could have imagined," he asserted, "if we cannot devise methods for protecting ourselves against the fear of atrocities at the hands of terrorist gangs."

Dole said there must be clearly understood limitations about what is not negotiable in hostage situations. "The right of the ringleader to walk home immediately, before the victims have hardly had time to be reunited with their loved ones, on no more than his promise to show up for trial, should not be on the table for bargaining," he asserted.

"To do this is to hold our judicial system itself hostage," the Senator added.

GENERAL BAIL REVIEW

He called for a general review of the federal bail system, which was liberalized in 1966. Concern for the Constitutional rights of the accused should be balanced against the rights of potential victims not to be terrorized by muggers, burglars, rapists, and other criminals, Dole said.

He referred to the push by organized labor for repeal of the federal law which permits state right-to-work laws, and suggestions from some members of Congress that the military draft be resumed, as examples of other "freedom issues".

The Party's 1976 Vice Presidential nominee also cautioned against excessive bureaucratic regulation as one approach to the solution of the energy crisis which he said would be least likely to succeed.

BUDGET TOO BIG

He criticized the \$68 billion deficit in President Carter's budget request for this year, and recommended that some of the Administration's creative energies be diverted from the "public relations blitz" to the solution of substantive public policy problems.

Dole noted, for example, that the Administration had postponed its proposals for restoring a safe balance in the Social Security trust fund. He said he would feel more comfortable if some of the White House talent now devoted to public relations operations was devoted instead to a study of the Social Security financing alternatives.