



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE TALKS OF NEW FREEDOM ISSUES

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

Addressing the Republican Party's Tippecanoe County Lincoln Day Dinner at Purdue University, Dole said the G.O.P. is still the party of principle, common sense, individual freedom and responsibility.

SENATE TAX BILL

Dole, a member of the Senate Finance Committee, criticized the \$50 tax rebate included in the economic stimulus package approved by the committee earlier today. He pointed out that all Republican committee members favored more permanent tax relief and therefore opposed the measure in a partisan vote of 10 to 8

"We preferred permanent cuts in income tax rates instead of a one-shot \$50 per person rebate on 1976 taxes as provided by the Senate committee bill and by the bill passed earlier in the House. The rebate would hardly begin to make up for last winter's increased heating bill," Dole asserted. "Therefore, it would not put any more spendable dollars back into the hands of consumers." He also promised that "the effort to bring tax rates in line with earning power will be renewed when the legislation is on the floor -- and later when it is referred to a conference committee of both houses.

ANTI-TERRORIST LEGISLATION

Dole 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. "The right of the ringleader to walk home immediately, before the victims have 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 said there must be clearly understood limitations about what is not negotiable in hostage situations, and called for a general review of the federal bail system, which was liberalized in 1966.

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 finance alternatives.