



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE STRESSES ORGANIZATION GOOD CANDIDATES, AS ANTIDOTE TO WATERGATE

Lancaster, Pa. -- Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) said Tuesday night the Republican party can recover from Watergate-induced misfortunes by focusing on better organization, candidates, and articulation of issues.

Referring to the difficulties of "disentangling ourselves" from the memory of the Watergate scandal, Dole said all the tapes and television interviews eventually must pale alongside the untaped but verifiable truth that Republicans reflect the interests of a majority of the American people.

HITS GAS TAX PROPOSAL

The 1976 Republican vice-presidential nominee addressed a Lancaster County Republican fund-raising dinner. He said he hoped President Carter would withdraw the gasoline tax proposal, in the face of congressional refection, just as he pulled back the income tax rebate request.

"Mr. Carter shows every sign of getting ready to flood the Congress with ill-prepared, incomplete legislative proposals, dropping them overboard, and then running for reelection against the Democratic-controlled House and Senate," Dole declared.

FEWER INHIBITIONS FOR GOP

He told the Republican audience:

"Because the Democratic party is so committed to government action, so tradition-bound, so tied to past programs that never worked, it is the Republican party that offers the exciting opportunities for new approaches.

"When it comes to innovative solutions to nagging problems, the truth is our party is under fewer constraints and inhibitions than is the other party. We can offer fresh ideas that draw on the strength of the private sector, reverse the burgeoning growth of government, and wind up costing the taxpayers less."