

GOP Campaign

Dole Assails Nixon Foes: Doomsayers

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Republican National Chairman Robert J. Dole called on California Republicans to start campaigning now for the re-election of President Nixon.

"The forces that seek Richard Nixon's defeat are already at work in the Nation and in the Congress," Dole said in remarks prepared for a GOP fund-raising dinner in Burlingame Saturday night.

Nixon's foes can be stopped if the Republicans do not let them play on the voters' emotions or love of peace, the party leader said.

While the President is yet to publicly confirm that he will seek a second term, all signs suggest that Nixon is indeed gearing up for the 1972 election.

Nixon's Choice

Dole, a U.S. Senator from Kansas, was the President's personal choice as GOP chairman.

His speech, written in Washington, presumably was cleared by the White House. Some 300 Republicans paid \$125 a couple to hear Senator Dole at the Hyatt House.

In a Los Angeles news conference Friday, Dole rapped Senator Edward M. Kennedy but he used a broader brush in Burlingame. Here he lashed out at all Democratic presidential hopefuls.

Dole characterized them as "doomsayers calling on the most unselfish Nation in all history to repent."

Blames No. Viets

"In spite of U.S. concessions and proposals," Dole said, "and in spite of significant reductions of U.S. troop levels, there has been no response from the North Vietnamese, only from those who were once supporters of escalation."

Without singling out any by

name, he charged Nixon's Senate critics with preaching defeat.

Dole said that demagogues who demand peace in Vietnam at any cost today have divided and polarized the nation and increased the risk of new wars tomorrow.

'Street Politics'

"We are a country where street politics is the order of the day in 1971 just as it was the order of the day in 1931 in pre-Nazi Germany," the Republican chieftain continued.

"And the marchers and the vandals and the innocent and the guilty alike are egged on by the clenched-fist salute and the hysterical words of the power seekers today as they were then.

"And all of this in the name of instant peace."

The President's "superb record in the field of domestic achievement" has been overshadowed by the war, Dole lamented.

He credited Nixon with draft reform, Social Security improvements, a continuing drive against street crime, postal reform, signing the 18 year old voting bill into law, and "the great, and largely unrecognized strides in bringing minorities into the mainstream of American life."