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### Factotum of starry promise

My good friend Bob Dole and I disagree on many matters.

This is not surprising. He is a technician, a highly skilled artisan of politics, while I suffer all the intellectual contradictions of a mugwump. That is, I am both an effete snob and an earthy Kansan. This preface may illuminate the following.

As a tradesman of the ballot, our junior senator is almost peerless.

Dole has all the necessary attributes. He is a handsome man with a handsome personality that drips charisma if not charm. He probably can win any Kansas election from here to eternity. Thus he has the first essential of a politician, a strong home base.

He also has a sharp mind, a quick wit, the courage of his opportunity, and the debater's ability to express himself on his feet wherever they may stand. This is only partially a reference to the Senate floor.

These skills Bob has shown himself quite ready to use in behalf of his employer, now President Nixon, for whatever cause or purpose that boss may direct. He presently is the faithful servant of the White House, whether as butler, builder or bulldozer operator.

Dole may be contrasted here with his fellow Kansan, Walter Hickel, unemployed, who lacks Dole's skills but enjoys the independent convictions the senator doesn't.

Because we have nurtured a factotum

The Editor's Opinion



Bob Dole

of such starry promise, we of the prairie are entitled to profit by him. As he hitches to a sky-born chariot, so should we hitch to him. If Bob Dole should want to be chairman of the Republican National Committee, we should endorse him, support him. If, later, he should seek the Vice Presidency — and he is worthy of it — we should whoop and dollar on his bandwagon.

We should be proud of Senator Dole and expect the compounded political interest that pride should earn; he understands such matters. We should anticipate that he will go far indeed, so far that our great grandchildren will have heard of him.

But we also should never forget that he is employed.

### Kappa Sigma To Honor Dole

Sen. Bob Dole, Russell, will be honored Sunday, Dec. 13, in Kansas City when he will be named "Man of the Year" by Kappa Sigma, national fraternity at the organization's national meeting. Dole was a member of the social order while attending Kansas University.

A special invitation to area Kappa Sigma members and their wives has been issued by national officers to attend the Man of the Year banquet at 8 p.m. Dec. 13 in the Grand Ballroom of the Muehlebach Hotel, Kansas City, Mo. A pre-banquet session is planned at 5 p.m. Because of the nature of Dole's honor, the fraternity is departing this year from the all-star tradition for the banquet.

Reservations may be made thru Ralph Warner, Columbia Union Bank, 900 Walnut St., Kansas City, Mo., 64111. The banquet reservations are \$10 per person.

### Sen. Bob Dole Urges Rebirth Of GOP Party

Sen. Bob Dole, Russell, addressing the opening session of a two-day annual meeting of Chamber of Commerce executives, today outlined what's right with America. In the luncheon meeting at the Roubidoux, Dole had little trouble finding commendable things to list for some 500 veterans of community-hosting efforts.

"Every day we are bombarded with the 'good interpretations of what's wrong,'" Dole said. "It is like taking a picture of a rose and showing only the thorns." Dole urged a rebirth of the Republican party in Kansas, which he described as a "good party but one which can do better." The future of the country needs a party with better balance, a party to march for varying points of view, Dole said. "Above all, we need strong leadership."

The Russell native was introduced by Dick Molanphy, KCCB president, Overland Park, after a welcome was given by Russell Chamber of Commerce past-president Henry Pohlman. Among those attending the luncheon were local Chamber board members and business leaders.

Dole struck at "Doom and Gloom" prophets. "We can continue to trust the American people to separate truth from advocacy." "The need, Dole explained, is to keep a proper perspective and take an active part continued national growth. In fields of education, status of minority groups, poverty, the national economy, "we have made substantial gains." He pointed to the increased proportion of blacks earning middle incomes, the increased number of minorities attending colleges; the 94 per cent of Americans attending high schools; a decrease of nearly 35 per cent in the poverty line; nearly 50 million people at work on paying jobs and work on ecology.

Pointing to the war in Vietnam and the powder keg in the Near East, Dole hinted that "an honorable peace, not a surrender, is much closer than many of us realize."

"I subscribe that we can't be the world's policemen," Dole said. "We are still concerned about protecting elements of freedom and that's no sign that Americans are weakening in their resolve."

"Let us see and treat the blemishes of America, but never let them blind us to the beauty. Let's confront our short comings, not with anger, but with determination. Let us commit our resources with reckless impatience, but with urgent care."

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### Republican Criticism Justified

Sen. Bob Dole Wednesday charged the Kansas Republican party with poor organization and a failure to capture and hold its members. He said the long-time dominant party is badly organized. "I certainly haven't been asked for advice about improving the Republican party in Kansas, but I certainly intend to give some," Dole stated during a press conference in Topeka.

Election day setbacks for Republicans were blamed on failing party organization. Democratic gains were credited, in part, to the efficient campaign management of Norbert Dreiling, Ill., Democratic state chairman.

One doesn't have to look far through the records to come up with glaring weaknesses. Dickering, lack of cohesive leadership and a failure to put the needs of all Kansans ahead of party policy have had a part in putting the Republican party on its downhill toboggan ride. Not even a superstar governor or slate of administrative officers can salvage a party which continues to ignore common sense principles of statesmanship and its responsibility to build a better state and nation.

Some 15 years ago, the shadow of Tuesday's election was cast when a precedent-shattering wedge drove Fred Hall into office. That was followed by the present governor's father's term. Republican dissension and lack of unity saw "loners" without a real party organization, in the governor's office and now, the third term for Democrat

Robert Docking.

In over 15 years, there's been little change in: highway development; tax equalization and reform; equitable school finance; coordinated industrial development; unified support for the state's vital agricultural, oil and tourist industries. Petty bickering has delayed an effective juvenile code; modernization and codification of state laws; equal representation for widely varied rural and urban interests and reasonable harmony for the greater needs of the state — regardless of which party draws the blue prints.

The legislature lacks the spotlight given the front-runners but it remains the pacesetter. What happens in those halls is what the governor gets blamed for and determines the depth and strength of the party. Policy, strictly under the control of the legislature, makes state government operate. It confronts taxpayers at every turn.

Place the blame where you want, on precinct committeemen and women, state chairmen, the candidates, the economy or the times. For our money, it is the legislature that has the power to build—or wreck—a party or a state. Republicans control the legislature and must share the blame for its insensitive refusal to keep up with the state's changing needs.

Unless there's a drastic change in party thinking, the best thing that could happen to Kansas next year would be that when the call was made for the 1971 session—no body came.—R.T.T.

### Chairmanship to Dole?

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UPI)—Another potential successor to Rogers C. B. Morton in the GOP national chairmanship was ruled out Thursday, increasing speculation the job may go to Kansas Sen. Robert Dole.

President Nixon announced at his news conference that Donald Rumsfeld would leave his post as director of the Office of Economic

Opportunity to become counselor to the President. Rumsfeld had been mentioned as a possible candidate for the chairmanship, along with a number of others including Dole, Rep. George Bush, R-Tex., and presidential advisor Bryce N. Harlow.

Nixon also said Thursday an announcement would be made today concerning appointment of Bush to a position with the administration. There were reports Bush, who lost a Senate race Nov. 3, would be appointed U. N. ambassador.

Harlow, meanwhile, has resigned his White House job and Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler said Harlow's leaving ruled him out as a potential successor to Morton. Harlow was believed to be Nixon's choice for the GOP chairmanship.

Dole is believed to be the only one mentioned as a possible candidate for the chairmanship who has indicated he would accept the position. In a recent interview, he said "It would be an honor to be the chairman of your party."

Dole has been a staunch supporter of the President and since becoming a senator nearly two years ago has spoken in behalf of Republicans in 38 states.

He said he discussed the chairmanship with Nixon in mid November, though he said the possibility of his being offered the position was not mentioned.

Dole's position on the job is if Nixon wants someone to be a caretaker of the party he wouldn't be interested. But, he said if the President is looking for someone to strengthen the party in preparation for the 1972 election, he would be interested. Dole said he believes the President is looking for a man to do the latter.