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Claim Dole Has Landed Party Post

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WASHINGTON — President Nixon has selected Sen. Robert J. Dole of Kansas as the new chairman of the Republican National Committee, sources at the committee and at the White House disclosed Tuesday.

Dole, a conservative with a reputation as a tough political and legislative fighter, had actively sought the post since the President announced last Nov. 23 that he intended to nominate the present chairman, Rep. Rogers C. B. Morton of Maryland, as Secretary of the Interior.

Morton, who is in the Bahamas, announced through his Washington office Tuesday that he was choosing a 12-man selection committee to recommend a new chairman to the national committee at its annual meeting here, starting Jan. 15.

A source at party headquarters conceded, however, that no selection committee would have been chosen unless Nixon had already made up his mind. The selection committee, which will be composed of members of the national committee, "will ask who Nixon wants and ratify his choice," the source said.

Morton was reported to have called Dole Tuesday with a one-word message: "Congratulations." The senator said in an interview that "it looks as if it's going to happen, but I know nothing official."

Dole met twice Tuesday with Sen. Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania, the minority leader, one of those who had opposed his selection.

He promised that he would remain neutral in any challenge to Scott's leadership in the future. The selection of Dole, a 47-year-old first-term senator, is expected to generate considerable resentment among some of his colleagues on Capitol Hill and could be a disruptive development in the party as a whole.



Sen. Bob Dole

According to one account, 21 of the 43 Republican senators who voted for the White House last month when it became evident that Dole was the leading candidate for the post.

Some of the senators objected to Dole on ideological grounds; his selection would make the already nervous Republican Liberals even more unsure of their positions. Others objected to the lean, black-haired Kansas slasher style and what they consider his excessive ambition.

Dole has functioned for the last year or so as a kind of self-designated point man for the administration in Senate combat, replying to each Democratic charge and leading the fight for such Nixon projects as the nominations of Clement F. Haynsworth Jr. and G. Harrold Carswell to the Supreme Court.

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Dole Would Be Third Chairman From Kansas

TOPEKA (UPI)—If Sen. Robert Dole, R-Kan., is named Republican national chairman, he would be the third Kansan to hold the important party post.

The first Kansan to hold the top GOP post was John D. M. Hamilton, who was named national chairman in 1936 during former Kansas Gov. Alf M. Landon's bid for the presidency. He served until 1940, when he retired from politics.

The second Kansan to be GOP national chairman was Charles Wesley "Wes" Roberts, an Oskaloosa newspaperman.

During Dwight D. Eisenhower's campaign for the presidency in 1952, Roberts served as chairman of the Citizens for Eisenhower Committee headquartered in Washington. After Eisenhower's election, Roberts was named chairman in 1953.

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Dole Reaffirms Loyalty To President and Party

By LYNN HOLT
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WASHINGTON — A missionary for the Republican party, a unifier of the GOP... and willing spokesman for President Nixon and the administration.

These are the roles U.S. Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas added to his already busy activities in the Senate, as he formally accepted the Republican national chairmanship Saturday.

Members of the national committee knew he'd accepted the challenge immediately following his election Friday afternoon. But the acceptance speech Saturday made it official.

The 47-year-old native of Russell, Kan., on the brink of commencing his 11th year in Congress (eight in the House and two in the Senate) said:

• His loyalty to the President as chairman "will be a primary concern. It will be proper; it will be unyielding; it will be continuous." His loyalty in the Senate to the President is "a matter of record."

• "I intend to be an effective spokesman as possible for the President and his administration. I shall speak out in Washington and throughout the nation in support of the President, his policies and proposals. I shall not let unjustified attacks on the President go unchallenged."

• Republicans will welcome constructive criticisms and dissent from any who seek to serve the interests of the nation. However, "I shall not lend the credibility of silence to slurs and slanders on President Nixon or the Nixon administration."

• "I hope to help serve as a unifier of our party and as a missionary for it."

• "I intend to serve, when the President directs, as an ambassador from the White House to the party and to the people."

Citing Nixon as the party's "leader and policy maker," the Kansan pledged to "work to help enunciate those policies and carry them out."

Telling the committee he has no quarrel with Sen. Hugh Scott, R-Pa., over Scott's strong attempt to keep the chairmanship from him, Dole said: "To re-elect President Nixon we need the support of all Republicans. We can achieve far more by conciliation than confrontation."

Turning to the "nuts and bolts" aspects of the national committee's operation, Dole said that, from the initial contacts on his possible chairmanship, it was agreed he "should be relieved of as many administrative responsibilities as possible." This is what led to the decision by the President to have two co-chairmen, Dole said.

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Formal Ratification Today

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Nixon expressed hope today that the Republican Party would become "the party of the open door for all people"—of all races, faiths and ideology.

The President made the statement in a brief speech at dedication of the GOP's new national headquarters building named for Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

"I would like this building to be the building of the open door," he said.

Nixon said Eisenhower often told him that neither major political party has enough supporters to win an election and that both must draw support of independents and members of the opposition party in order to take office.

"Our party will not grow unless it is the party of the open door open to all people," Nixon said.

Nixon spoke prior to a meeting later today by the GOP National Committee to formally ratify his selection of Sen. Robert J. Dole of Kansas to be the national chairman. The committee also was following White House advice, not without some grumbling, of giving co-chairman titles to two Dole deputies.

A crowd of several hundred persons was on hand—most of them

what would it be. He said Eisenhower or replied "selflessness."

Mamie Eisenhower snipped a traditional paper ribbon.

Dole succeeds Rep. Rogers C.

seated in chairs in the middle of the street.

With the widow of the late President sitting on the platform, Nixon recalled that he had once asked



SEN. ROBERT J. DOLE

Eisenhower if he had to select one single quality in an individual, B. Morton of Maryland, who will be nominated Secretary of Interior.

The co-chairmanships were promised to Thomas B. Evans Jr., Wilmington, Del., insurance broker, and Mrs. Tobin Armstrong, national committee member from Texas and wife of a rancher.

A 12-member nominating committee went to the GOP national headquarters Thursday for a conference telephone call from Nixon before he left San Clemente, Calif., to fly to Washington. He told them that he was recommending Dole for chairman and Evans and Mrs. Armstrong as co-chairmen.

The President was reported to have said that Evans, as co-chairman, would be needed to direct the day-to-day operations of the national headquarters and to handle calls from party leaders unable to reach Dole, who still would be busy as a senator.

Dole Accepts Vote; Pleads for Unity

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Sen. Robert Dole of Kansas, President Nixon's choice as Republican national chairman, accepted the job today and said the party's primary responsibility is the re-election of Nixon—"assuming he will be a candidate for re-election."

Dole also called for party unity against those who spread "half-truths and out-and-out falsehoods" about the President and the party.

In a prepared acceptance speech the day after he was elected Dole said, "The primary responsibility of the Republican National Committee in the months ahead is the re-election of Richard Nixon—assuming he will be a candidate for re-election."

He said he would strive as party chairman to be as effective a spokesman as possible for the President and his administration. "We cannot afford the luxury of ignoring the misrepresentations, innuendos, half-truths and out-and-out falsehoods that stream from those who wish the president or

our party ill," he said.

He also said he hoped to help serve "as a unifier of our party and as a missionary for it."

Dole, 47, an aggressive partisan, was unanimously elected to the chairmanship Friday to replace Rep. Rogers C. B. Morton of Maryland, who will be nominated to be Interior Secretary.

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Fighting Bob Dole scores a hit

Now he's the official Number One shotgun rider

By DAVID E. ROSENBAUM
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WASHINGTON — For the 2 years he has been in the Senate, Robert J. Dole of Kansas has made a point to ride shotgun for the Nixon administration. Invariably, if a Kennedy or a Musky or a Fulbright rises on the Senate floor to criticize the administration, Dole is on his feet, too, sometimes needing, sometimes droll, but always defending President Nixon's interests.

"There are so many Democrats who want to be President, and I get tired of seeing them browbeating President Nixon," Dole said recently. "So when I see Muskie and the others giving the President a hard time, I stand up, too. That's just the way I am."

In the past, his self-appointed role as the administration's bodyguard was largely unofficial—accounted for, the 47-year-old freshman Senator said, by the fact that "I'm on the floor a lot while the senior Senators are tied up in committees."

No doubt now

Now, with his appointment as Republican national chairman, there will be no doubt that when the Kansas Senator speaks he will not only be defending the White House but also representing it. The transition should not prove at all difficult.

"As far as I know, the Senator has no hobbies," one of his aides said. "What he's most interested in is getting other Republicans elected, and that's the way he spends his spare time."

Dole can remember no instances when he has opposed the President on significant legislation.

Tough reputation

The partisan fervor, the biting sarcasm he sometimes uses in debates and his disdain of the

senatorial courtesies have won him the reputation of being a tough in-fighter. And his lean appearance—5 feet 2, about 175 pounds—and his coal-black hair and sideburns to the bottom of his ears—add to this impression.

Sen. William B. Saxbe of Ohio, the one Republican who has publicly expressed his distaste for Dole, called him a "hatchet man" who was so antagonistic that he "couldn't sell beer on a troop ship."

But other Senators, even those who disapprove of his partisan politics and his brusque public manner, say that in private he is witty and charming.

Robert Joseph Dole was born July 22, 1923, in Russell, Kan., the son of the manager of a grain elevator. He left the University of Kansas to enter the army in 1942, and in the last days of World War 2, while leading an infantry platoon through Italy, he was critically wounded. His right shoulder was shattered.

Dole spent the next 39 months in army hospitals. He had lost forever the use of his right arm but slowly regained use of his left.

While hospitalized, Dole met and married Phyllis Holden. She took notes for him and wrote the answers he dictated to examination questions as he obtained his undergraduate degree at the University of Arizona and his law degree from Washburn University in Topeka, Kan. Later, Dole taught himself to write with his left hand.

The Doles have one daughter, Robin, who is now 16.

In 1951, when 28 years old and still in law school, he was elected to the Kansas Legislature. Two years later, he became the prosecuting attorney in Russell county, a post he held for 9 years until he was elected to the



The winner and his helpers

Bob Dole (left) poses with co-chairmen Mrs. Tobin Armstrong and Thomas B. Evans Jr. (UPI Photo)

House of Representatives to serve a 20-county wheatlands district in Western Kansas.

In his 4 terms in the House, he seldom strayed from the straight conservative line. Nearly every year he was awarded the annual plaque given by the Americans for constitutional action to the most conservative congressman, and one colleague described his political views as "somewhere to

the right of Genghis Khan." Nevertheless, he has voted for every significant piece of civil rights legislation since he has been in Congress. "Some of my conservative friends don't agree with me," Dole said, "but I've never equated liberalism with civil rights. The true conservative wants to remove the shackles from the oppressed."

He said he had seen the Presi-

dent privately only once, right after the November elections, when he talked with him about the national chairmanship. In a group, he said, he has met with the President perhaps 15 times.

But there is a personal touch which makes Dole feel proud. Whenever they meet, the senator said, the President always remembers to hold out his left hand.

Winning for Nixon is his primary role, says Dole

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Robert J. Dole of Kansas said today that, as Republican National Chairman, he will speak as effectively as possible in support and in defense of President Nixon—"I shall not lend the credibility of silence to slurs and slanders."

"I shall not let unjustified attacks on the President go unchallenged," Dole told the Republican National Committee. "We cannot afford the luxury of ignoring the misrepresentations, innuendos, half-truths and out-and-out falsehoods that stream from the mouths and pens of those who wish the President or our party ill."

Dole pledged his unyielding and continuous support to Nixon. "The President has a right to expect and he deserves as much," Dole said.

"Missionary"

He said he hopes to serve as a unifier and a missionary of the GOP.

"I would hope that during the next two years we can iron out any real differences so that the public will clearly know that we are a party united firmly behind a great president and a great program," Dole said.

Dole, who took over Friday as chairman, said he will set to work immediately to help re-elect Nixon in 1972.

The Kansas senator said winning a new term for Nixon will be his primary role as head man in a new three-way leadership arrangement recommended by Nixon and ratified without dissent Friday.

"Above all, our responsibility is to the President," the 47-

year-old senator said. "We serve at his pleasure, we leave at his pleasure."

Thomas B. Evans Jr., 39, of Wilmington, Del., was named co-chairman for administration and organization, and Anne Armstrong of Armstrong, Tex., was appointed co-chairman for special programs.

The titles are new ones. While Dole, as chairman, appointed the two co-chairmen, the selections were ratified by committee vote and they, like Dole, will serve at the pleasure of the national committee.

It was part of a complex arrangement worked out in advance to placate Republicans dissatisfied with the choice of Dole and insist on the selection of a full-time politician to run the national committee. Evans will fill that role.

Dole said Nixon did not want him as chairman to be an administrator, "and I didn't want to be an administrator. As national chairman, you are spokesman for your party."

Dole was elected to succeed Rep. Rogers C. B. Morton of Maryland, who is leaving the committee and the House to become Nixon's Secretary of the Interior.

Morton's parting advice to the national committee: Keep up with the times, provide room in the party for all Americans, lest Republicans merely "perfect the art of being second."

The nominating speech for Dole at the national committee meeting was made by McDill (Huck) Boyd, Phillipsburg, the national committeeman from Kansas. He described Dole as a "forthright fighter."