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## Ford Picks Bob Dole

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UPI)—President Ford today chose Sen. Robert Dole of Kansas, a tough political fighter who served as Republican national chairman, to be his running mate.

Ford, introducing Dole at a nationally broadcast news conference, said he had known the World War II hero from Kansas "a great many years. . . . Bob Dole has been a team player. Bob Dole's philosophy and mine coincide almost identically."

Dole, smiling as he stood beside the President, said "I'm realistic. I know there's a lot of work to be done between now and November. I'm not sure what I can add to the ticket. . . . but I'll work hard."

"I did not expect to receive a phone call this morning, but I'm very glad we're in," Dole said. "I've known President Ford from the time I could call him Jerry."

The selection of Dole, 53, a tough political fighter who can

take it as well as dish it out, ended days of speculation in which as many as two dozen names were rumored. Dole served as temporary chairman of the 1976 Republican National Convention.

### Kansas Delegation Elated

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UPI)—Word of mouth that news media learned Sen. Robert Dole, R-Kan., was named President Ford's vice presidential running mate spread through the Kansas delegation before Ford made his announcement.

"It's Dole! It's Dole! It's Dole!" a woman shouted.

State party executive director Irene Whitlock smiled broadly exclaiming "you're kidding, I can't believe it."

Meanwhile throughout the Trademart Holiday Inn near Old Municipal Airport small groups of Kansans were clustered around television sets in their rooms.

The Kansas delegation had been sitting in their buses preparing to depart for a barbecue. They delayed departure for 15 minutes when a reporter told them the vice presidential announcement was expected at 11:30 p.m. CDT.

One woman coming off the bus said, "Isn't it thrilling? We're really going to celebrate now!"

The row of rooms surrounding the party headquarters' room echoed with laughs, cheers and telephones ringing.

Dole served in World War II and was highly decorated. He suffered severe wounds and was hospitalized for 38 months. His right arm was left crippled.

Dole, in his second Senate term after having served four terms in the House, was Republican na-

tional chairman under Richard Nixon from 1971-73.

Dole was divorced and in December married Mary Elizabeth

Hanford, a member of the Federal Trade Commission. Dole has a daughter, Robin.

Earlier, Ronald Reagan, the

vanquished presidential candidate with whom Ford had conferred early today about the vice presidency, again had said he absolutely was not interested in the second slot.

The choice of Dole was surprising because he comes from a Midwest state that traditionally has been Republican.

But in Washington, a congressional farm aide said that polls showed Ford in trouble in the traditional Farm Belt GOP bastions—possibly because of lingering resentment over farm export embargoes in recent years.

From that standpoint, the aide

said, Dole "is probably the best guy he could have picked."

Dole's close identification with Richard Nixon and the fact he headed the national party at the time of the Watergate break-in are considered major reasons he nearly lost his Senate seat in 1974.

One Capitol Hill observer joked, "If you like Dick Nixon, you'll love Bob Dole."—and Dole barely defeated former Rep. William Roy, D-Kan., by 13,532 votes of 74,477 votes cast.

Before he publicly made the announcement, Ford telephoned the others who had been seriously considered and told them he had decided on Dole.

### Soviets Contend Voting Is Rejection

By United Press International

The Soviet Union said Thursday President Ford's nomination marks a rejection of an "ultra-reactionary course" by the Republican Party. The official Tass news agency, however, also criticized Ford's supporters for allowing concessions to Ronald Reagan in the Republican Party platform.

In London, a Foreign Office spokesman said the British government would have no immediate comment since it considers Ford's nomination at the Republican convention an internal U.S. affair.

"The results of the voting are assessed here as rejection of the ultra-reactionary course in home and foreign policy which was upheld by the former governor of California," Tass said in a report from Kansas City.

"Reagan and his supporters attacked the policy of the rela-

tion of tensions in relations with the Soviet Union and called for an unrestrained arms race."

Tass said Ford's supporters, in the interests of party unity, made concessions to Reagan forces, "specifically in the amendment hampering Soviet-American relations that was adopted on the insistence of Reagan's supporters."

The agency quoted Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger as saying the amendment would not have any effect on U.S. foreign policy and describing it as a "tactical move."

The Communist party newspaper Pravda also attacked the Republican platform, saying it borrowed rhetoric "from the arsenal of the cold war."

Pravda cited what it called the false "threat of Communists conquering the world" and said "backyard allegations" were used to justify the policy of the arms race and increased Pentagon budget.

In Tel Aviv, two Israeli newspapers welcomed the nomination of Ford as a victory by friends of the Jewish state.

### Coincidence

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UPI)—The last time the Republicans met in Kansas City also was the last time they chose a Kansas as a vice presidential candidate.

The year was 1928. The presidential candidate was Herbert Hoover and the vice presidential nominee was Charles Curtis of Topeka. Now, 48 years later, President Ford also has turned to the Sunflower state to select Sen. Bob Dole as his running mate.

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### Carlson Surprised But Happy

CONCORDIA (UPI)—Former Kansas Sen. Frank Carlson was surprised today to learn that President Ford selected Carlson's Senate successor as the GOP vice presidential candidate.

Dole won the seat in 1970 when Carlson stepped down following 18 years in the Senate.

"Is that right," said Carlson when notified by UPI of Ford's selection. "I hadn't heard the news. I just came from the farm. That's just great."

"With his background, both state and national, he is an excellent choice," said Carlson. "Of course he served in the House while I was in the Senate, so we have worked together for Kansas for a long time."

Carlson said he had never discussed the vice presidential possibility with Dole even though the Russell native had been mentioned as in the running should Ford win the GOP nomination.

"No, I haven't talked to him," said Carlson. "I was in Washington two weeks ago and had lunch with him, but that never came up. I just haven't discussed it with him."

Kansas had had only one resident serve as vice president.

"That gets back to the Charley Curtis history," said Carlson.

"He was a vice president from Kansas (Topeka), with Hoover."

## Ford Captures GOP Nomination

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UPI)—President Ford today captured his hard-won presidential nomination over Ronald Reagan today by choosing Sen. Robert Dole of Kansas as his running mate against Jimmy Carter.

At a news conference at his Crown Center Hotel headquarters, and with Dole standing alongside, the President said, "It's a very great occasion for me. I'm really thrilled with the opportunity of having Bob Dole as my running mate."

Ford's announcement came less than seven hours before the final session of the Republican National Convention which must ratify the selection, and after he

discussed the subject with Reagan during a party unity meeting in the wee hours this morning.

Reagan said afterward that Ford did not offer him the vice presidential spot.

The selection of Dole, 53, a former GOP national chairman, came as several convention delegations which backed Reagan's presidential bid sought to launch a movement to draft him for the No. 2 spot on the ticket.

Reagan reiterated after seeing Ford that he was not interested in running for vice president. In the street outside, Reagan supporters booed and hissed Ford, chanting "we want Reagan" and "write in Reagan."

There had been little mention of Dole over the long weeks of Ford's deliberation on a running mate. The name figuring most in speculation during convention week had been that of Sen. Howard Baker of Tennessee.

UPI initially learned that Dole was the man from Connecticut state party chairman Frederick K. Bielel.

The Kansas is known for his quick wit and biting debate on the Senate floor. He served two years in the party chairmanship.

The 31st national GOP convolve winds up tonight with the more than 4,500 delegates and alternates voting on the Dole selection and Ford, 63, accepting the

party's endorsement to run for the presidency in his own right.

The President was nominated on a roll call vote of 1,187 to 1,070. West Virginia put Ford over the

top at 1:29 a.m. EDT, after 46 minutes of balloting.

Once the roll call was completed, the weary delegates shouted their approval of a motion to give him the nomination by acclamation.

The convention then adjourned until 7:30 p.m. EDT today.

"It's been long and tough, but it was great!" Ford exclaimed, accepting the congratulations of political advisers and White House staffers crowding his \$376-a-day rooftop suite at the Crown Center Hotel.

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tory on television after eight months of campaigning, the President leaned back, smiled and said: "I hope nobody demands a recount."

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## Ronald Reagan Supporters Charge He Used 'Mickey Mouse' Tactics

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UPI)—Embittered conservative supporters of Ronald Reagan charged today that their candidate threw away his chances for the Republican presidential nomination by using "Mickey Mouse" trickery instead of fighting on

foreign policy issues like the Panama Canal.

The conservatives, led throughout the GOP convention by Sen. Jesse Helms of North Carolina, also disclosed that Reagan had betrayed them in their efforts to stand up to President Ford on

foreign policy issues. "If Reagan can go to hell," a conservative spokesman declared. "If you lie down with dogs, you get up with fleas."

Helms said the Reagan campaign simply "blew it" by picking a floor fight with Ford over a rule that would have required the President to declare his vice-presidential choice before winning the nomination.

"In the bottom half of the ninth inning here they come with a Mickey Mouse proposal," he said.

Helms and others contended a fight on foreign policy issues would have drawn more votes for Reagan than the rules issue, which lost him some of his supporters.

Some of them say Reagan betrayed the conservatives by watering down a minority plank on foreign policy that was adopted by the convention Tuesday night. Although it was intended to embarrass Ford, the President chose not to fight it after his victory on the rules.

The conservative said a toughly worded plank was written in a post-midnight meeting Sunday night with Reagan's top aides.

More than 30 conservatives signed their names to that plank, which mentioned a number of subjects including the Panama Canal and Taiwan.

But when the plank was filed by Reagan aides the next day—using longer mentioned Taiwan or the Panama Canal.

Former Rep. Thomas Curtis of Missouri, who had assured reporters Sunday night that the plank included the Panama Canal issue, was befuddled the next day when reporters showed him a copy of the proposal.

Shoulder to shoulder with Ford at a podium, he replied: "I still stand by that statement, yes."

Asked if he would accept a genuine draft of the convention, he said it would be "presumptuous" to answer, since it would not happen.

Ford refused to tell reporters jammed into a conference room of the Alameda Plaza Hotel whether he offered the nomination to Reagan during their private discussion of a "number of possibilities."

But as Reagan made his way out of the room, he was asked whether the vice presidential nomination was offered, and he said "No."

The former California governor, who wrote a syndicated conservative newspaper column

## Bombshell Hits Russell

The nomination of Sen. Bob Dole as running mate with Gerald Ford on the 1976 Republican party ticket struck Russell like a bombshell—although it has been rumored for several days that the 53-year-old Russell man was among the top contenders being studied in the Ford political camp.

Bob Dole was born in Russell July 22, 1923, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Doran R. Dole, 1035 Maple St. He attended Russell schools and was graduated from Russell High School where he was an outstanding athlete.

His mother, Mrs. Bina Dole, still lives in Russell. His father, Doran, died Dec. 9, 1975. A brother, Kenneth, 51, 128 E. Jewell St., is active in oil leasing.

A sister, Mrs. Gloria Nelson, 55, wife of Larry Nelson, lives in Ft. Morgan, Colo. Another sister, Mrs. Norma Jean Steele, 50, wife of Tom Steele, Derby, Kan., is in Kansas City with others of the Dole family.

Dole is the father of Robin Dole, who is in Kansas City for the convention as is Dole's wife, Elizabeth, a Federal Trade Commission member.

Aunts and uncles of Dole on his father's side are Mrs. Carl Friesen, Russell, Mrs. Ethel Crissman, St. John, Kan., and Floyd Dole, Lafayette, Calif. On his mother's side, living in Russell are aunts Mrs. Marvin Staley, Russell and Mrs. Johnny Schmitt, Gorham, and an uncle, Fred Talbott.

The senator was born in a home at 10th and Maple Sts., which was razed about a year ago. In his youth, he carried a Russell Record paper route, worked at Dawson's Drug store, and assisted his father in the operation of a creamery, feed, and seed business. Dole's father operated a cafe in Russell after returning from World War I and before opening the cream station. In later years, Doran Dole was manager of the Norris Grain Company elevator in Russell for many years. After that business changed hands, the senior Dole was employed at AGCO, Inc.,

and made daily national radio commentaries before he became a candidate, has repeatedly announced he would return to that pursuit if he lost the nomination.

Ford told reporters "of course" there would be a spot in his administration for Reagan if he wanted it and said of the Californian, "he is a person whose philosophy is virtually identical to mine."

In response to a question, Reagan, who repeatedly has insisted he and Ford have "fundamental differences," said he believed the two basically share "pretty much the same philosophy."

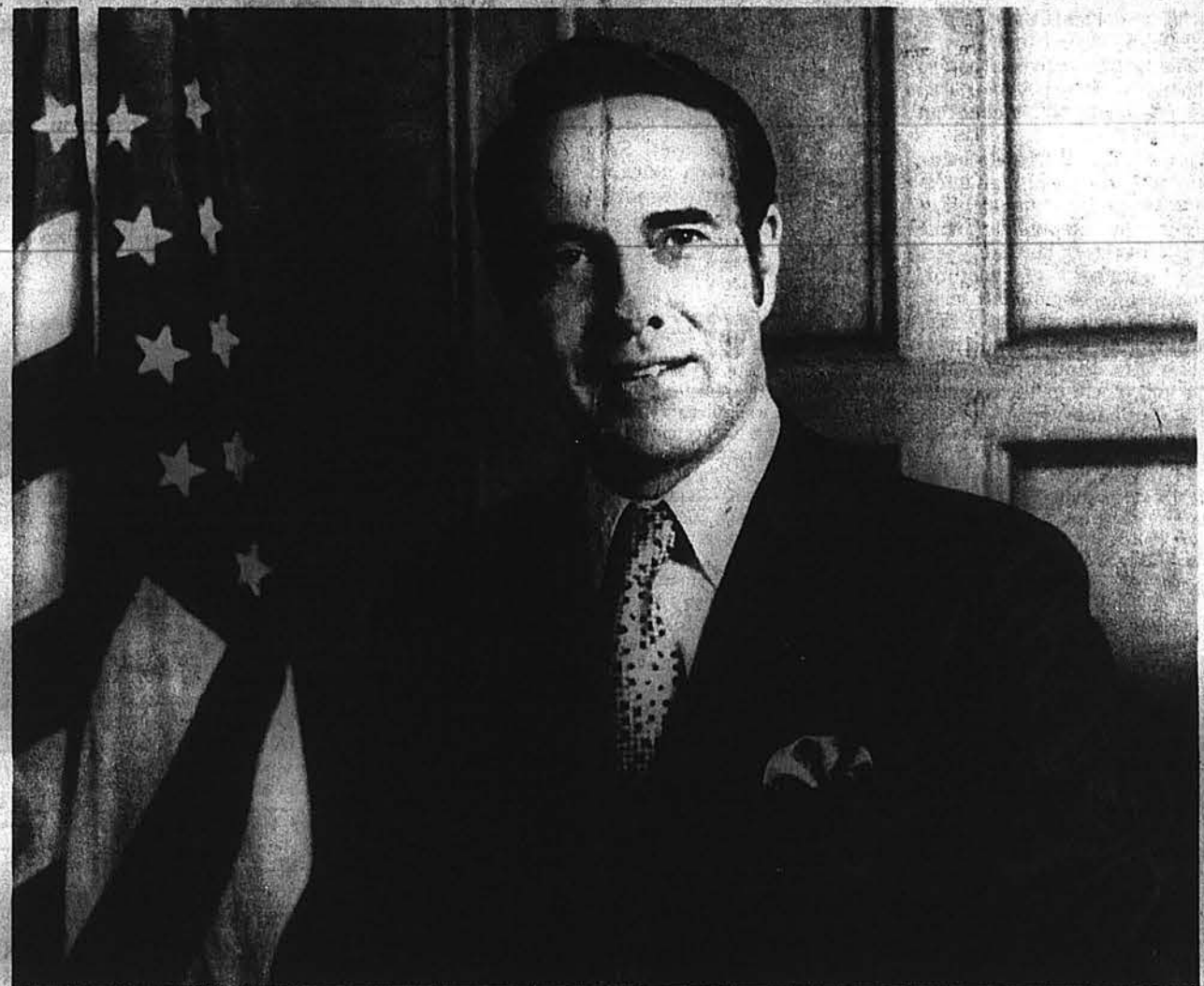
Early Wednesday Reagan rejected an offer by his chosen running mate, Richard Schweiker, to withdraw from the ticket in a last-minute effort to save an apparently doomed candidacy.

## Ford, Dole Plan Stop In Russell

It was reported here late Thursday afternoon that tentative arrangements have been made for a visit in Russell Friday noon by President Gerald Ford and Sen. Bob Dole. The two plan a short stop in Russell, Dole's home town, while on the way from Kansas City to Vail, Colo.

Frank Ursomanno, a member of President Ford's staff, is expected to arrive in a presidential helicopter late Thursday afternoon to make final arrangements. Of his party of 13, including Secret Service agents, seven will spend the night in Russell.

Details of the meeting for the 1976 Republican party ticket leaders will be announced when plans are completed. It is expected that the public and Dole's many friends in the area will have a chance to see and hear the President Ford and Bob Dole while they are in Russell for the brief visit.



SEN. BOB DOLE



GERALD R. FORD