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Cole Not Letting Any Grass Grow Under Feet

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Kansas, "Bob Dole, of course, had an out-"Bob Dole, of course, nad an out-standing record in the military service in World War II. Bob Dole has been a team player. Bob Dole's philosophy and mine coincided identically. Bob Dole is a good campaigner. Bob Dole will help to heal any divisiveness within the party."

Ford said he had talked with Ronald "Governor Reagan has endorsed my selection of Bob Dole as my running mate," President Ford said. "I have consulted with others who were very, very strong as potential candidates as my running mate and all of them have my running mate and all of them have indicated their support, their endorse-ment, of Bob Dole.

'So it is a great pleasure, privilège and I am extremely proud to introduce to you Senator Bob Dole of the great state of Kansas as my running mate for victory in 1976."

As is s typical of Dole, he opened his acceptance with two examples of his "Let me first introduce my wife,

Elizabeth, from the state of North Car-olina and that will be part of our Southern strategy. "Let me also indicate that I did not

expect to receive a phone call this morning but I am very pleased that we were in.

After the laughter subsided Dole said he had known President Ford "at a time when I could call him Jerry." "As he indicated, we served in the House together," Dole said. "He has been in many places in Kansas on my

"I remember in 1974 when the going was tough and I was trying to be re-elected one of the President's-I think the President's last-campaign stops was in Wichita, Kan., in the rain and he came there to help me." Dole pointed out he was 12 points.

down in the polls in that election and yet he won by a narrow margin. He said: "I say that to indicate his great

Suspense Ended by 1 Call

By Laura Scott A Member of the Statt Shortly before 11 a.m. yesterday a messenger at the Radisson Muchlebach Hotel whispered to an aide to Bob Dole that the senator had an emergency telephone call.

The aide, who had been standing in the hall outside Dole's 17th-floor suite, entered the room and closed the door.

Dole, sequestered inside with his wife and staff, picked up his hotel room telephone to hear the voice of President Gerald Ford. The suspense over the 1976 Republican vice-presidential nominee had ended.

The messenger's visit caused little stir in the 17th-floor hallway, where camera crews had been lined up quietly for several hours, waiting.

They were not waiting for Dole. They were waiting for former Gov. John Connally, who, three doors away from the Kansas senator, had promised a photograph session of him and his wife, Mrs. Nellie Connally, watching the Ford vice-presidential announcement on television at noon.

At 11:10 a.m. a hotel employee carrying a tray of coffee and cups knocked on the door to Dole's suite. It did not open until he called "room service." Inside, Dole was putting on the coat to his blue-gray suit.

A few seconds later, a press aide to Connally opened the door from inside Connally's suite and told newsmen near Dole's door, "You guys can't go in there. He's going to be vice-president." Connally had been notified at 10:55 by Ford that Dole was the President's choice.

At 11:15, Dole, accompanied by aides, slipped out a far door to his suite and hurried down the hall to a waiting elevator.

In the elevator descending to the lobby, a smiling Dole acknowl-edged, "I have talked with the President. He has requested I come over to

Asked whether he understood he was Ford's vice-presidential choice, Dole quipped, "I don't understand that. I'm just going over for a little meeting."

Dole was joined at the Wyandotte entrance to the hotel by aides, who led him to a black limousine that whisked him away to the Crown Center Hotel and the President. Minutes later, the news became official.

As he was leaving the Radisson Muchlebach, Dole said, "It's going to be a tough campaign, regardless of who the nominee is.'

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won't be any hassles."

us in the next several weeks," Ford she said, that friends of her mother were congratulating her. Finally she reached her brother, who also lives in Salisbury, and he said he would drive over to be with his mother for her. said with a grin. Ford had the wives come forward and there were more photographs and then the whole group left the platform and the Secret Service took over to get them back up to the 18th floor. them back up to the 18th floor. The Dole staff had not been notified in advance that anything was pending, and Bill Wohlford, administrative as-sistant to Dole arrived first at the 18th

floor suite. At first the Secret Service -men were reluctant about him because Wohlford had no credentials. However, he was treated courteously when they discovered who he was. After the congratulations and dis-cussions Mrs. Dole said: "My hair is a real mess. If I had known anything like this was coming, I would have had something done about it."

"Yeah, and look at my eye," Dole said referring to a bloodshot eye re-sulting from tension and fatigue in his role as temporary chairman of the Re-

whenever you are, "Cantrell said. Dole was assigned one of the more lavish suites on the floor for his office and he and Mrs. Dole were given a suite to use until they leave today. De-corated in black and white with ultra modern furniture, there is a small kitchen, a bedroom and bath. Other White House staff members betwee the averius to constraintists Dole

began to arrive to congratulate Dole and to begin preparations for the way in which Dole was to be nominated last night and the preparation of his accep-

tance speech. "What I ought to do is use the same one I used the other night at the con-vention," Dole said, referring to his vention." Dole said, referring to his address as temporary chairman of the convention. "That was a good speech. Only this time I ought to tell them: "This time you're going to listen." Ron Nessen, White House press sec-retary, came in and brought with him an aide, Larry Seames, a former press secretary to a Democratic member of the U.S. Senate. "He'll be handling your stuff for the time being," Nessen said to Dole. "I have a great deal of faith in him. He can handle anything you need until we can get things shook out a little more." William Timmons, White House campaign co-ordinator, came in. About that time Dole turned to Wohl-

About that time Dole turned to Wohl-ford and said he had thought that he ought to use a sign language communi-cator for the deaf in his acceptance speech as he did in delivering his speech as temporary chairman. "If we did it then, I certainly think we ought to do it now," Dole said. "We

got a lot of good comments about

"We could probably come up with somebody through the staff," Timmons said. "No, we might as well go ahead and

use that young woman' we had the other night," Dole said. "She'd proba-"This is going to be something she has never been through before and she's going to need somebody with her to help her." Nearby Joe Petro, a White House Se-cret Service agent, was talking with

Nearby Joe Petro, a White House Se-cret Service agent, was talking with Wohlford about the need for credenous nights. "Of course he'd be there himself and

he could get it stopped better," Dole said, apparently thinking of the way in which he as temporary chairman had to pound continually to restore order. "This whole thing came up so suddently we didn't have time to get any-thing checked out," the agent told Wohlford. "I wish you'd right out on a sheet of paper four or five names of your key people so we can start getting credentials ready for them so there

Then the talk between Dole and Tim-mons, as they sat facing each other on different beds in the bedroom, turned won't be any hassles." to speech writing. A couple of White About that time James Cantrell, an inspector of the Secret Service, who audience.

The Secret Service inspector said that for the time being there would be no agents assigned continuously to Mrs. Dole. "We're going to be moving out fast when we move and we'll be ready to go whenever you are," Cantrell said. Dole was assigned one of the more lavish suites on the floor for his office "No," Timmons replied. "We could work that out U ce-President Rockefeller being involved. "He's a good friend of mine," Dole said. "He campaigned for me. There isn't any protocol problem involved there, is there?"

"No," Timmons replied. "We could work that out I'm sure." There was discussion about others who might be involved. Arthur Fletcher, a former Washburn Univer-sity football player at Topeka who has been active on behalf of Dole in the past, was suggested by Dole. Fletcher is here as director of White House mi-nority affairs and is black.

Fletcher was agreed upon and then Sen. Laxalt was discussed, in his capacity as a strong Reagan backer and a friend of Dole. He also was agreed upon to particpate. The question of Reagan was left up in the air at that point but seemed to be abandoned for the moment. he moment. About that time Sen. Richard S.

Schweiker of Pennslvania, who had been tapped by Reagan to be his run-ning mate, called to offer his congratu-lations to Dole.

"You know what's ahead of you, Bob," Schweiker said. "Thanks a lot, Dick," Dole said. "Have you got any old stuff laying around I can use?" There was some more brief banter

over being vice-presidential candi-dates and Dole said: "O.K., Senator, if there's anything I can do for you, let me know.

Final details on the convention oper-ations were left up in the air. White House staffers told Dole they would like to have him make an appearance at a group of heavy contributors to the Republican party at a meeting in the Centennial Room of the Crown Center

Dole said he would be glad to do it and then arrangements were made to take him to the closed meeting on the second floor of the hotel. Secret Ser--vice agents took Senator and Mrs. Dole down in the elevator and to a back holding area until he could be introduced.

At the meeting Dole got a prolonged standing ovation from more than 300 of the g.O.P. contributors as he and his wife entered and he stepped up to the

wife entered and he stepped up to the podium to begin his remarks. "I'm sorry the President himself couldn't be here but I'm glad to stand in for him," Dole said. "You may or may not be lucky in the fact that you're getting to hear me make my first speech since the President asked me to be his running mate." Dole reneated his remark about not

Dole repeated his remark about not expecting a telephone call but being glad he was in when the call came. Once more he got laughter from his

"It just seems to that the polls are gave them a standing ovation



a plane Sunday in Kansas City and a friend pinned a "Bob Dole" but ton to her dress, she said she thought: "What's Dole running for?"

Arriving here for the Republican National Convention, she knew that her father, Sen. Robert Dole of Kansas, might be named as Presi dent Gerald Ford's running mate. But never in her wildest dreams had she imagined it would actually

happen. Yesterday it did. Miss Dole moved recently to Alexandria, Va., after completing her college studies at Virginia Poly technic Institute, Blacksburg, Va.

thought he was going to get the nom nation

In a brief question-and-answer pe riod the California contributors in the field the California contributors in the group, who said they had financed the Reagan campaign, said they now were going to support Ford "because we're friends with Bob Dole and we know him from a long way back." The group



When Miss Robin Dole, 21, got off



help and also the fact that you can catch up if you are behind." "The vice-president, of course, was one of my earliest supporters in Kan-sas and he came to Kansas, I think to

visit Alf Landon, and while he was there I had him do a little work for me," Dole said

me," Dole said. "One of my other supporters was Governor Reagan. He came to Wichita . and he did an outstanding job on my behalf. He is a great Republican and I am certainly pleased that he had indi-cated that I will be all right." Dole said he would outline his rea-sons why he was proud to be on the ticket with President Ford as he goes along the campaign trail.

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"I think he has an outstanding rec-ord," Dole said. "I am realistic. I know there is work to be done between now and November—in fact, a little

now and November-in fact, a little over eight weeks-but I want to be a part of a winning combination." "It is my opinion that we can win based on his leadership. I am not cer-tain what I can add to the ticket but I will work hard and do the best I can, not just for the Republican party, but because I think America needs Presi-dent Ford's leadership for four more dent Ford's leadership for four more years.

Then Senator Laxalt, Senator Grif-fin and Vice-President Rockefeller fin and. Vice-President Rocketeuer paid tribute to the selection of Dole. The President then said they would not answer any questions at this time. "You'll have plenty of time to get at

body asked me if I had a serious prob-lem with my eye the way it was look-

ing." Phone calls started coming in on the White House switchboard. Sen. James B. Pearson of Kansas got through to congratulate Dole and then Gov. Rob-ert F. Bennett of Kansas, who had put in a good word for Dole Wednesday at a breakfast meeting with the Presi-dent and other governors, came through with his beat wishes. A few seconds later Sen. Walter F. Mondale of Minnesota the Democratic vice-presidential running mate of Jimmy Carter, the Democratic presi-dential nominee, called. will be working on 30-day periods. They will be rotating at the end of each of those periods. From now on we will

have ag each day."

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dential nominee, called. "I want to extend my est wishes to you, Bob," Mondale said. "I appreciate it very much, Walt," Dole said. Mondale said something about he expected to see a lot of Dole during the

upcoming weeks. "I'm sure that7s got to be true," "I'm sure that's got to be true," Dole said. "I know you don't agree with my philosophy and I'm sure I don't agree with a lot of yours but I'm sure we can carry on a good, clean campaign with each other between now and November." Meanhwhile Mrs. Dole was attempt-ing to reach her mother.

ing to reach her mother, Mrs. Han-ford, 77, in her home in Salisbury, N.C.

will head the detail that will be assigned to Dole throughout the cam-paign, arrived to begin briefing Dole on how the situation will be handled,

some discussion about the timing later in the afternoon in getting the speech written at the Radisson Muehlebach. "I'd like to get a haircut some time "I will be charge of the detail for the campaign," Cantrell said. "We're just coming off the Reagan campaign now in there if we can," Dole said with a laugh as he brushed his hand up the back of his neck. "Gettin' a little long and we're not going to get in your way any more than we are required to do. "We will have teams of agents who back there,"

There was discussion about who would be involved in making the nomi-nating speeches and introductions at the convention. ents with you around the clock

"Somewhere we've got to get Jim Pearson in there," Dole said. "I talked to him a little bit about something like

"It just seems to that the polls are indicating us to be 20 to 25 points down but we're going to change that," Dole said. "We're going to shell a few pea-nuts beginning now." Dole said he believes that Carter is a "mass of contradictions" and that this makes him vulnerable in the upcom-in his drive for the presidency. The Kansas senator said he had not even been mentioned in some of the lists of persons being considered as Ford's running mate, particularly in the senator said a few person to senator said to head not "Yes, and I fired the secretary the

Ford's running mate, particularly in "Yes, and I fired the secretary the the local paper, and that he did not think there were many persons who

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Dole Thought Baker Would Be Chosen

By Joseph A. Lastelic Chief of the Washington Bureau

Sen. Bob Dole was as surprised as the G.O.P. delegates and the nation yesterday on his selection by Presi-dent Gerald R. Ford as his running

At Kemper Arena last night, Dole said he had not heard a thing about any candidacy, that he had sent his questionnaire and other materials requested by the White House, and thought that was the end of it. No one from the White House gave him any hint that he was a possible choice. He guessed it probably would be Sen. Ho-ward Baker of Tennessee.

The telephone call came yesterday morning at Dole's suite in the Radis-son Muehlebach hotel. ch hotel. "I'm glad we were in," Dole

Throughout the campaigh, Lyn Nofziger, Ronald Reagan's convention

Noiziger, Ronald Reagan's convention manager, kept joshing Dole about leaving the Ford campaign to sign up with Reagan. Nofziger kept offering the vice-presidency, telling Dole that Ford was offering nothing. They laughed about it. Today the laugh was on Nofziger.

Reporters trying to learn who might be the top 10 under Ford's consideration found that Dole named 10 but left himself off.

By choosing Dole, the President was blasted the Nixon administration of following a precedent set in 1928 when the Republicans last held their conven-Republican-sponsored legislation. "I did it because I saw that Teddy the Republicans last held their conven-tion in Kansas City. That year Herbert Hoover chose Charles Curtis, a Kan-san, as his running mate. 1 Dole is known by Republicans throughout the country because of his service as G.O.P. national chairman. He is known as a hard worker, a cam-dling. He dubs Jimmy Carter, the Democratic presidential nominee, "Southern fried McGovern," con-vinced that Carter is just another lib-eral. "I did it because I saw that Teddy Kennedy and his group would say any-to Republican stood up to them, "Dole once explained. So he spent a lot of time on the floor debating the opposi-tion. His style caught Prsident Nixon's as Republicans, who thought their capitol attending to the nation's busi-eral. "Southern fried McGovern," con-

ral. ness, particularly issues relating to Kansas. When he ran for re-election in Frustrated by his work in the House of Representatives, where seniority and the sheer number of 435 members made it difficult to get much done, Dole decided to run for the Senate. Once there, he lost no time in telling colleagues on the Agriculture Commit-tee that he would not be a silent fresh-man, that he had handled legislation and was acquainted with the issues from the House, and would speak out. That he did, with some vengeance. It did not take him long to realize thai if he spoke out on a controversial issue, the reporters were ready to lis-

that if he spoke out on a controversial issue, the reporters were ready to lis-ten and the television cameras fol-lowed not far behind. He roamed the Senate floor like a gunfighter from the West, shooting back at Democrats who

that Nixon wanted to replace him at GOP headquarters. "I went to the mountain and got pushed off," Dole once explained with

hundred beautiful blondes, all mem-bers of the Lithuanian society he had

Edmund Muskie (D-Maine) and his "hound-dog look." Dole deleted it, complaining that Commiss

wanted to be a surgeon but because of the injury decided to study law. She helped him through law school. After the divorce the gossip colum-nists tried to find out if there was an-other woman and quit only when they realized there was not. In Chicago once, a story appeared that he had seen a beautiful blonde. Dole, chuck-ling, noted that he-had seen several hundred beautiful blondes, all mem-

spokesman, is an acknowledgement by Ford that he is in trouble in the

Dole is a scrapper. He was far be-hind in the 1974 race but through enor-mous amounts of work and by calling in allies—President Ford, Vice-Presi-dent Rockefeller and Ronald Reagan, all of whom campaigned on his behalf in Kansas—was able to eke out a vic-tory over Ren Bull Bow Dole sold the in Congress from both parties. Among the guests were many news. in Kansas—was able to eke out a vic-men who have covered events in tory over Rep. Bill Roy. Dole said then Dole's career. He is well-liked by he was especially grateful to Kansas voters and would work at being a "bet-

' Referring to the lead that Carter holds, the senator said yesterday, "You can catch up if your behind."

with beauty and brains. She serves as a member of the Federal Trade They were married last December and their reception was one of the big social events in the nation's capital,

attracting members of President Ford's administration and colleagues in Congress from both parties.

addressed. As time passed the romance stories faded away, then Dole met Elizabeth Hanford, a North Carolina woman with beauty and hearing Sha service as his run-ning mate or who the Republican nominee was because Carter was so strong in the grain belt that he would destroy