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Assails 'confusing semantics'

Ford hits Carter 'amnesty': Dole



Dole speaking to American Legion delegates.

SEATTLE (UPI)—Republican vice presidential nominee Robert Dole said Wednesday that the Ford administration opposes the blanket pardons proposed by Viet Nam War draft dodgers proposed by Democrat Jimmy Carter.

Dole, coming on the heels of the Democratic presidential nominee, appeared before the same American Legion national convention at which Carter declared Tuesday, "pardon—yes, amnesty—no" for violators of Selective Service laws.

"I am confused by such semantics," the Kansas senator said. "Webster's New World Dictionary makes no such distinction. It defines 'amnesty' as 'a general pardon.'

"LET THERE BE NO confusion as to President Ford's position on this issue," he said. "It applies equally to draft evaders and deserters—no blanket pardon, no blanket amnesty, no blanket clemency," Dole said.

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"The offer was extended to draft dodgers and deserters alike, on a case-by-case basis. Some accepted. Some refused. As far as I know, the effort is finished."

MOST OF DOLE'S talk was concerned with defense policy. He told the legion, "This nation can hardly be called extravagant in its defense spending. We have what we need to deter aggression, and under President Ford we will continue to have what we need."

"I say I would rather spend a million dollars, or a billion dollars, to preserve peace, than to expend a single human life to pursue war," Dole said in response to a question about military spending.

Dole, a veteran and Legionnaire who lost the use of his right arm in a World War II battlefield injury, said the Ford administration is also pledged to provide adequate medical care for veterans.

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Many of the same listeners had booed Jimmy Carter Tuesday when he promised as President to grant a blanket pardon to draft evaders and deserters.

In his first major address since winning his place on the ticket with Ford, Dole declared:

"Yesterday, one of your speakers stated: 'I do not favor a blanket amnesty, but for those who violated selective service laws, I intend to grant a blanket pa-

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