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## Bob Dole Condemns Carter's Promise

SEATTLE (UPI)—Republican vice presidential nominee Robert Dole Wednesday condemned Jimmy Carter's promise to grant a blanket pardon to Vietnam War draft evaders. He told the American Legion national convention there will be no blanket amnesty or pardon under the Ford administration.



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"Let there be no confusion as to President Ford's position on this issue," said the Kansas senator 24 hours after the Democratic presidential nominee addressed the same meeting.

"It is unequivocal and applies equally to draft evaders and deserters. No blanket pardon, no blanket amnesty, no blanket clemency," Dole said.

Despite Carter's attempt to draw a distinction between amnesty and pardon, said Dole, the two terms mean the same thing. In the prepared remarks in his first major speech since accepting the nomination, 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 pardon.'"

"The speaker provided his own definitions. He said: 'Amnesty means that what you did is right. A pardon means that what you did—right or wrong—is forgiven.'"

"I am confused by such semantics. Webster's New World dictionary makes no such distinction. It defines 'amnesty' as 'a general pardon.'"

Carter's pledge of a blanket pardon produced a loud chorus of "No, no, no," among an audience of 8,500 legionnaires after they had applauded him 21 times.

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## EDITORIALS

### What Can Dole Do?

The role of Russell's Bob Dole in the presidential election campaign is already confused through no fault of his or those who know him. The selection of Dole as a running mate for Jerry Ford has positive aspects for a stronger Republican ticket, but there is no way that it can be everything to everyone.

The eastern press, as indicated by The New York Times, The Baltimore Sun, and the Boston Globe, sees Dole as an arch conservative, a man locking Republicans to the right. A similar picture is reflected in articles in the San Francisco Chronicle, Los Angeles Times, and The Oakland Tribune.

Dole is pictured as a hard, politically-wise, campaigner who, as quoted from Barry Goldwater, is "the first man we've had around in a long time who will grab the other side by the hair and drag them down the hill." It is generally conceded that Bob Dole can "bridge the gap" between the administration and farmers—although there's a question mark about gap-bridging among labor, consumers, independent voters, and even Democrats. The possibility is already written off in the cities.

The role of lion-slayer outlined for him by reporters is not the entire Bob Dole by a long shot. It isn't any more accurate than is the general assumption by the urban press that Dole is a right-winged, narrow-based, farm-oriented candidate with limited appeal and a vitriolic voice.

Dole is a campaigner, an organizer, a speaker, and a strategist. He brings to the party positive aspects of experience, judgment, high ethical standards, and a competitive spirit. Along with other capable men considered for the ticket, he has the back-

ground and ability to be president should the need arise.

Apparently Dole's interests in consumerism, in self-determination, in human rights, and in protection of the public from hardship and suffering—from any cause including possessive and abusive bureaucracy, is either not known or purposely being played down.

Writers are making Dole appear to fit their preconceived pattern rather than picturing the man as he is. As the campaign spreads some of the misconceptions may be erased—although the eastern press indicates today there is no way for the Ford-Dole ticket to appeal outside the hard core Republican party.

Those who look to him as a slashing orator who can lock in the farm vote, or any other mythical bloc, are hoping for too much. Bringing together all these units into a single voice is more than anyone can do in these times. Dole is a team man and it will take a team to achieve the goal in November.

Those who expect Dole to present sound, practical solutions; invitations for all voters to work together for sound fiscal, political, and human policies; a firm stand against muckraking, favoritism, growing socialism, and continued deficit financing will have expectations fulfilled.

In essence, those who are looking to find Bob Dole the man outlined in the urban press are sure to be disappointed. From the country which knows Dole best, we know they'll be pleasantly surprised when they learn that Bob Dole is what he appears to be—and not an ogre slashing his way through the land.—R.T.T.

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## Dole's Selection Was Gradual

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Like the selections of Spiro Agnew in 1968 and Thomas Eagleton in 1972, the choice of Sen. Bob Dole as the vice-presidential nominee "just sort of developed" through an exhausting series of pre-dawn and morning meetings in Kansas City Thursday.

The deliberations involved President Ford, Vice-President Rockefeller, and a select group of advisers.

They gathered in the President's 18th-floor office in the Crown Center Hotel at 3:15 a.m. and trudged off to bed an hour and 45 minutes later, bleary-eyed still, without any clear idea that the prize would go to Dole.

"Great political experts that we are—two of us were stumbling down the hall toward bed telling each other that it was sure to be former Deputy Atty.-Gen. Bill Ruckelshaus," said one man who participated in the meetings.

But when the group convened at 9:30 a.m. Thursday after a few hours of sleep, Dole's name gradually came to dominate the discussions.

Finally, about 10:15 a.m., Ford himself told the group that he was in favor of Dole, and then went around the room pointing at each man present and asking for his advice.

"What it seemed to come down to was that Dole's name brought the most enthusiastic reaction from the widest range of party people, that he was a good campaigner, and that he would help us in the farm belt, where the President has a real problem," said another present at the meetings.

Because there was exhaustive White House screening of the public and personal affairs of the possible candidates ahead of time, the selection of Dole presumably will not prove as disastrous as the choice of Agnew by Richard Nixon and Eagleton by George McGovern.

But despite the semblance of careful advance planning, the final decision was reached through rambling discussions in a roomful of men so exhausted that some of them interviewed only hours later were unable to remember details of the meetings.

The group first gathered after Ford's return from his post-midnight pilgrimage to meet his vanquished challenger, Ronald Reagan, in Reagan's hotel, the Alameda Plaza.

When the deliberations opened at 3:15 a.m., it soon developed that the names most prominent in the "finals" were those of Tennessee Sen. Howard Baker Jr., Ambassador to Britain Anne

Armstrong, Ruckelshaus, and Dole.

Baker's name had dominated the public speculation since before the GOP convention opened last Monday, and no major objections to him were brought up during the final meetings.

Several participants in the sessions agree that Mrs. Baker's acknowledged past drinking problems had nothing whatsoever to do with the personable Tennessee senator's failure to make the grade.

Instead, "the biggest thing was that in any respect in which Baker looked good, Dole looked a little better," said one source who was present.

Although at least some of the participants have difficulty describing just how the discussions drifted toward Dole, the clincher may have been soundings showing the Kansas senator was even more popular than Baker among

many Southern GOP leaders.

The Ford strategists have virtually despaired of beating Democrat Jimmy Carter in his native Dixie habitat, but were anxious to pick a running mate acceptable to Southern and other conservative Republicans to save their disappointment at the defeat of Reagan.

"Nobody came right out and said it, but I think Baker faded when it seemed that we'd do just as well in the South with Dole."

Several of the advisers, particularly Spencer, initially liked Mrs. Armstrong.

Although it would have been a bold stroke, the idea was soon dropped because national polling data shows that American voters—and particularly women voters—"just aren't ready for a woman on a national ticket yet," said one man who was present.

Rockefeller spoke strongly in favor of Ruckelshaus in the pre-

dawn meeting, and when the session broke for a brief sleep, the former deputy attorney general's chances seemed very much alive.

But Ruckelshaus is known to be a moderate Republican, and in the final session there were expressions of concern that it might be difficult to persuade the conservatively complexioned convention to nominate him, even if he were pushed hard by Ford.

Ironically, the fact that they played "Mr. Clean" roles in the Watergate catastrophe proved at least minor drawbacks to both Baker and Ruckelshaus.

Ruckelshaus was dismissed by Nixon in the spectacular "Saturday Night Massacre" after he defied Nixon's order to fire special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox. Baker, although a Republican, became a hair shirt for the Nixon administration in the Senate Watergate hearings.

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## Dole

### Vows 'No Blanket Pardon' to Evaders

By KIRK SMITH

Sen. Robert Dole said here yesterday that America went to war under four Democratic administrations, and told veterans they should "insist upon leadership that understands how to prevent wars."

"We have such leadership in the White House today and I believe the American people will keep it there," the Republican nominee for vice president said in a speech to the American Legion.

In addition to his logging of the war record of the Democratic Party, Dole also gave the Legionnaires what they wanted most: a flat promise that the Ford administration will never propose general forgiveness of Vietnam War draft dodgers.

Dole, trailed by a busload of television, radio and newspaper reporters and cameramen, took an hour from his day here to visit patients at the existing veterans' hospital, where he had a concerned and cheery word for all, and where he got some reaction—had and good—to the Republican ticket.

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than a year. A new administration was inaugurated on Jan. 20, 1961, and a young man named Tom Davis from Tennessee died in Vietnam on Dec. 22, 1961.

"It took twelve years and a Republican administration to restore peace—the tragedy was that 55,000 Americans lost their lives."

"We hear much praise for the party of Wilson, Roosevelt, Truman and Kennedy. Surely each of these men would have preferred to preside in peace."

"But none can deny that under each, America went to war."

And wars "rarely begin for reasons that are self-justifying," Dole said "but rather because of weakness, wishful thinking, and bad leadership."

Dole defended the nation's expenditures for national defense, saying "we have what we need to deter," then added:

"We have what we need to answer provocation, and under President word we will continue to have it. And where it is necessary we will use it."

He said the Ford administration was fulfilling its duty to veterans (Carter had criticized veterans' programs as inadequate) and noted that the Ford budget includes a replacement for the Seattle Veterans Administration hospital.

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Ford would "forge ahead."

He told reporters Vietnam "is already behind us" and the nation needs no saving of wounds from Jimmy Carter. He said he hopes Ronald Reagan, unsuccessful challenger for the GOP nomination, will "indicate to the American people again and again and again the need for victory for the Republican ticket."

Dole charged that the Democratic presidential platform was "written in secret" whereas the GOP's was devised in public, and he called on Carter to explain whether he supports that platform.

He said platform promises of the Democrats would cost the country "\$103 billion" and "the people have a right to know" how the Democrats intend to get that money.

He said he wants "no part" of any campaigning on personality, and said "we've made it clear we think Carter and (vice presidential nominee Walter) Mondale are men of integrity and honesty."

He said he was considering a bid to attend a farm meeting in Georgia this Saturday—not in Carter's home town of Plains.

Dole left about 2 p.m. for the Iowa State Fair, where Carter preceded him Tuesday.

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## Legion Liked Dole On Pardons

Individual legionnaires, predictably, found Senator Robert Dole's stand against general pardons for Vietnam draft evaders as likeable as they found Jimmy Carter's promise to pardon evaders detestable.

A sampling after Republican vice presidential nominee Dole's speech to the American Legion convention here:

Rose Krug, adjutant of the Russell, Kan., post to which Dole, himself a wounded veteran, belongs: "He's one of the greatest, but he's still a hometown boy. I may be partial but it was a great speech."

Loren Bing, of Stafford, Kan., about 60 miles from Dole's home town: "It was all right, I guess."

Seattle legionnaire Al Hoveland, Ballard: "I think he told us what we wanted to hear."

Paul Haney, Rochester, N.Y.: "I didn't think the speech was too impressive. He's speaking for Ford, and Ford can always change his mind."

Herbert Williamson, Seattle: "Sounds like Dole has a head on his shoulders."

Ed Johnson, Missouri state adjutant: "Dole did not go far enough into things. Particularly the matter of amnesty."

The whole Kansas delegation trudged to the door after Dole's speech to give him a proper sendoff.