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### Voters—

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candidate, Dixy Lee Ray, former head of the Atomic Energy Commission, was in an extremely tight race with John Spellman in Washington. Most politicians viewed Washington as a tossup.

An equally close race was shaping up between New Hampshire Gov. Miltrom Thomson, a conservative Republican, and Democrat Harry Spanos. Once considered a shoe-in, Thomson has been losing ground in recent days.

Five other incumbents were expected to win. In two races with no incumbents, Democrat J. Joseph Garry had a slight edge over Republican Ames Tait in Rhode Island, and Scott Matheison was expected to defeat GOP Attorney General Vernon Roney in Utah.

### Bob—

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"We live in the greatest country on the face of the earth," he repeated, adding, "No, we are not all perfect, but we will keep trying and striving, and if we do that we will be victorious. We can do that," Dole observed with a look of confidence.

He paused to note that a McCarthy placard appeared among the hundreds of Ford-Dole campaign signs, and said that "we see one of those just about everywhere we go," after which he added, "It's a free country."

"I cannot invite you all into the house for lunch. I wish I could. But if we win, we'll be back for a victory celebration, and you will be our guests. I urge you all to vote today," he concluded, as he waved and smiled broadly.

Sen. Dole received a thunderous shouting applause, the Russell High School band was nearby to add to the welcoming celebration, and the man from Russell who hopes to be the next vice-president of the United States stepped from behind the microphone, and spent several minutes chatting intimately with the close friends he found in the crowd before departing for Simpson Elementary School to vote in the Tuesday election.

A voter in Russell's first ward, Dole was given ballot No. 292, and his wife, Elizabeth, was handed ballot No. 293, and he followed his own advise given to his friends and those wishing him success and victory, there is little doubt how his personal election choices went.

### Hometown—

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may be running for president."

Another relative is Carl Friesen, whose wife Gladys was a sister of Bob's father, Doran. "Oh yes, I'm sure he will win," said Carl.

"Everybody was out, it was a great rally. Too bad he couldn't stay longer," said Gladys Friesen. "He drank a glass of milk and ate banana cream pie, several brought in his favorite kind of pie. He said he'd be back for the victory party."

Ken Steele, 18, a nephew, said: "I'm proud of him, and think it's great; I think he'll do a good job. We know he's going to win. There have been a heck of a lot of people here; it was really exciting. He'll carry Kansas, and we're confident he'll take the whole nation."

Bob's sister, Norma Jean Steele, Derby, Kan., said that he would win. "I'm very positive, that's the way I feel. He looked real good, tired, and so happy to get back to Russell. That was a real warming welcome. Russell bands can't be beat. I'm sorry my Dad couldn't be here. Bob's wife was thrilled to get back, and Robin is a Kansas girl. There was not too much time."

Gloria Nelson, the other sister from Ft. Morgan, Colo., said: "It's wonderful, I'm so happy. I just had a ball, so much fun. I can't believe something like this is really happening to us. No matter how it goes, we're real proud of him. Of course, he's going to win."

Ken Dole, asked how it felt to be the brother of the next vice-president, said, "I don't really know. Certainly we will win. It was a real tremendous turnout by Russell, with support from all the people. It was a very enthusiastic crowd of people here, of all ages. I have always thought he'd come through in good shape. Maybe we'll have the answer by 10 o'clock, we'll have it under control by then."

## Dole confidently predicts victory

By DON SKINNER

LEAVENWORTH — Sen. Bob Dole came home to Kansas Monday night, bringing to a close his 44-state, 60,000-mile vice-presidential campaign. Leavenworth was the place he chose to tell voters in a home voice, "I think we'll have something to celebrate tomorrow."

An estimated 600 to 800 persons came to downtown Leavenworth to hear Dole lightly castigate Democrat Jimmy Carter and push for the election of Ross Freeman, candidate for 2nd District Congress. Dole arrived at 6:30 p.m., spoke 12 minutes and left amid a flurry of handshaking.

Dole attended a rally in Independence, Mo., later Monday night, and was to leave early Tuesday for a rally at Great Bend before going to his mother's home in Russell. Later Tuesday he plans to fly back to Washington to watch election returns and attend a reception with President Ford.

### Series studies heart attacks

Prevention of premature heart failure is discussed in a 10-part series of articles by Associated Press science writer Alton Blakester and Dr. Jeremiah Stamler starting Tuesday in The Daily Capital's Modern Living section.

Dole, appearing to be in a good mood at the end of the campaign, shared with the crowd at Leavenworth some of the jokes that have become trademarks of his campaign.

"You don't have to worry about me," he said. "I've figured out that if he (Ford) makes it, I make it. There's no way I can lose. I'd advise all of you to get up in the morning and drink pineapple juice. It's a lot better for you than peanut butter and it won't stick to the roof of your mouth."

He jokingly said he was going to do his part to get out the vote. "I'll vote in Russell tomorrow and I think I've already voted absentee in Leavenworth County."

Dole's appearance in Leavenworth, his first there since Feb. 2, was generally acknowledged to be on behalf of Freeman, a Topekan who is locked in a close contest with Democrat incumbent Martha Keys for the congressional seat.

A poll released Sunday predicts Ford and Dole will get 50 per cent of the Kansas vote while Carter and his running mate, Walter Mondale, will get 39 per cent.

There are conflicting polls on the congressional race. A WIBW-TV poll released Sunday shows Keys with 49 per cent and Freeman with 41 per cent. But a postcard poll by a Wichita television station reported Monday Freeman would get 51 per cent and Keys 43 per cent.

Dole said, "President Ford has reminded me I will have an important role to play in America's agriculture starting in January." Dole said his role would probably be in the area of agricultural exports.

In one of his few jabs at Carter, he

said, "I doubt if Ft. Leavenworth would be around if he had his way. He's voted against every new weapons system. Carter said it's time for a change, but I kind of like peace, don't you?" He added, "It's too late to argue with him."

He blamed his hoarse voice on his debate several weeks ago in Houston with Mondale. "I was in a draft for 75 minutes." Appearing with him in Leavenworth were his wife Elizabeth, Freeman, Rep. Larry Winn, R-Kan., and a number of county candidates.

Dole campaigned earlier Monday in Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri. "I feel good," he told an Omaha airport press conference. "We've peaked at just about the right time. There's momentum and it's on our side."

He began the day with a breakfast for 400 Republicans in Peoria. "Gov. Carter can go back to Plains, where he can reflect, shell peanuts, and all those other things he's always wanted to spend more time doing—whatever they are."

At a rally of several hundred persons in Columbia, Mo., Dole said, "Our opponents have sought to divide our nation, to open old wounds and not to heal, not to unite us. They have tried to set region against region, income group against income group, labor against management."

In western Kansas, residents of Dole's hometown, Russell, spent Monday preparing a welcome for their favorite son. City and county officials declared election day as "Bob Dole Day."

Dole was to arrive in Russell early Tuesday. Citizens worked Monday to complete a platform near the home of his mother, Bina D. Dole, from which Dole will address a 9:30 a.m. rally. Officials were hopeful the town of 5,500 would swell to 10,000 for the event. Following the rally, Dole and his mother are scheduled to go to the Simpson Elementary School, three blocks from his mother's home, to vote.

Dole plans to return to Washington late Tuesday afternoon to await election returns and accompany the President to a Republican reception at a downtown hotel Tuesday evening.

Dole's return to Russell will be the occasion for a family reunion and a town celebration on the front lawn of his mother's house. She spent Monday in her kitchen supervising the preparation of her son's favorite foods — fried chicken, homemade ice cream and sour cream chocolate cake.

She said, "He's going to win. There's no doubt about it and you'd better believe it. He's never lost an election and he's not going to lose this one."

### At Russell

## Dole predicts Truman-like win

By JIM SUBER

RUSSELL — Sen. Bob Dole, who once wanted to be a doctor, sewed the last stitches of his political campaign Tuesday by returning to his hometown to vote and predicting a "Truman-like victory for Pres. Gerald Ford."

"I hope I've been a credit to this city," he said before going to Simpson school here to vote. "You've put me on the map. Now, we'll try to put Russell on the map today."

"Today, it's over; it's up to the voters. We are the envy of the free world because we do our governing at the ballot box. Don't worry about me. If Ford makes it, I'll make it."

More than 1500 persons, including many local and county students who had a day off from school, gathered near the house of the Republican vice-presidential candidate's mother, Mrs. Bina Dole, to cheer the hometown boy who made good in Washington.

The Russell Chamber of Commerce proclaimed Tuesday "Bob Dole Day" at Russell. The wind and chilly temperature didn't seem to discourage those who gathered to hear Dole's remarks.

A special platform had been constructed on the Dole front entry and patio. Another stand was built for the many radio, television, newspaper and magazine personnel who attended from all parts of the nation.

The Russell high school band as well as a musicians from the local middle school were on hand to serenade early arrivals. Signs dotted the crowd. "Good Luck, Bob" was typical. A banner close to the Dole home read, "Welcome to Bob Dole Country."

There were a few maverick signs for Eugene McCarthy and Jimmy Carter among the sea of Dole banners.

Many Dole relatives and several long-time friends of the family also were present.

Lola Glenn, county campaign chairman for Dole 2 years ago, predicted a close race. She said the county would not know the results of the Ford-Carter contest until sometime Wednesday.

Mrs. Mary Lou Morgenstern, another close friend of the family, seemed to voice the mood of the town when she said, "It's a great day for the little town of Russell."

Much planning had gone into making Dole's brief visit memorable. Mrs. Opal Ehrlich, Russell county GOP chairman, handed out press badges and spent several hours calling Republicans and Democrats alike to encourage them to attend the rally on the Dole lawn.

Don Arnold, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and his crew of ambassadors worked with city and county officials as well as private citizens to give Dole a rousing welcome.

## Will just stay Bob

By Dean Hinnen

Kansas Correspondent

RUSSELL (HNS) — Kenny Dole stood alone outside his mother's house in Russell, shortly after noon Tuesday.

The wind blew a paper cup across the yard. Red, white and blue Ford-Dole signs were lying in the yard and on 11th Street. A platform, filled with newsmen only an hour and a half earlier, stood vacant.

Across the street, Mrs. David Sweeney, a Russell resident for only a year, looked out her front door.

"I was something to see," she said. "I sure was worthwhile."

Less than two hours before, a crowd of more than 2,000 persons had filled the Dole yard and 11th Street and spilled over into the Sweeney's yard. The crowd, nearly half the population of Russell, was there to see, hear and cheer their city's best-known son.

Bob Dole, Kenny's brother and the Republican vice-presidential nominee, spent less than two hours in his home town Tuesday before flying to Washington to watch the

election returns with President Gerald Ford.

During his brief visit in Russell, Dole spoke briefly to the crowd outside the house where he was reared, journeyed the three blocks to Simpson school to cast his vote and then returned to his mother's home for a quick lunch of fried chicken.

He ended his campaign for the vice presidency in the same town of 5,600 "in the heartland of this country" where he and Ford it Aug. 20. Dole wept openly at the post-convention appearance in August.

Tuesday, but the brief talk he made was more like a chat with friends than the political haranguing that had marked his campaign appearances throughout the country.

"It's always good to come back and make the journey back to your home town — to where you began," Dole told the crowd.

On the map

"I hope I've been a credit to this city — you've put me on the map, now we're going to try to put you on the map," Dole said. The crowd roared.

It roared again moments later when Dole promised, "If we win today, we're coming back to Russell for a victory celebration."

"It's up to the voters now. They'll make the choice," Dole said. "If you haven't voted, please do."

But he never seriously plugged for votes in the speech to the home town crowd, although he did repeat his favorite campaign trail joke.

"Don't worry about me," he advised. "Just vote for President Ford. I've got it

figured out if he wins, I can't lose."

If Ford wins, Dole will become the second Kansan ever elected vice president. He also will become the favorite for the GOP presidential nomination in 1980.

And things in Russell may never be the same. The townspeople realize that and talk about it.

"Everyone says we should call him the next vice president," said Opal Ehrlich, Russell County Republican chairman, as she filled out credentials for newsmen.

"But he's just Bob to us."

"I've known him for years and I worked with him," Mrs. Ehrlich added. "I was county superintendent of schools in 1956 and he was county attorney. He's quite a fellow."

Dole was Russell County attorney for three terms. He was elected to Congress in 1960, and to the Senate in 1968. He won re-election in a close race in 1974. His bid for the vice presidency figures to be as close — or closer — than that Senate race.

It probably won't be close in Russell County, where 5,612 voters are registered. At Simpson school, where Dole would cast his ballot later, 10 voters were lined up waiting for the polls to open at 7 a.m.

When Dole, his mother, Bina; daughter, Robin, and wife, Liddy, showed up to cast their ballots at about 11:20 a.m., nearly 300 persons had voted in the city's 1st Ward — the largest in the county. There are more than 900 registered voters in the ward. Dole was the 292nd to vote there Tuesday.

## EDITORIALS

### What's Next for Bob Dole? (WHATEVER THAT MEANS TO SAY!!)

"When the brass ring came his way, he was in a position to grab it," McDill "Huck" Boyd, Kansas National Republican committeeman, said a few days ago in Russell. He was speaking of Sen. Bob Dole's nomination as vice-presidential candidate on the Republican ticket in Kansas City in August. For many, the merry-go-round ride ended in the early hours today when Democrat nominee Jimmy Carter was elected president and his running mate, Dole's counterpart, Walter Mondale, was elected vice-president.

The ride isn't over for Bob Dole. His immediate target must be to represent 48 per cent of the nation's voters in government controlled by a single party for the first time in over 60 years. Being a member of the minority party isn't new for Dole. He has been staked on that side before and knows the importance of "loyal opposition."

It was Boyd, too, who termed Carter "a political midget who will burn out as fast as he has risen." If this prophesy comes true — as many fear it will — it will be up to the Bob Doles to do what they can to keep the nation on an even keel. Even if the Carter administration does prove viable, there remains the viewpoints, interests, and rights of nearly half of the nation which must be represented and protected.

Dole, from dual positions of Republican

leadership in recent years, is today a top ranking member of the Republican party. His stature will — and must — continue to grow.

In the election aftermath, vice-presidential candidates are not exactly in demand. We doubt if many reading today's paper can name the candidates in the past dozen elections — or in the past half-dozen for that matter. This mantle of subtle ignominy isn't likely to cover Russell's Bob Dole.

Dole is a fighter, as proven in the dramatic turnaround in the just-concluded campaign. He is a man of principles, a spokesman for conservative America, and for those who may have forgotten, he is a respected member of the U.S. Senate with four years to serve on his present term — with the motivation to see that these years are productive and purposeful.

As Boyd stated here, "Win or lose, Bob Dole has a better chance of becoming president in 1980 than any other living man today."

The future holds the same pitfalls today that it held yesterday. The election has changed the manner in which this nation's problems will be attacked. It has not changed in the least the dedication, zeal, and ability of Bob Dole whose political future still lies ahead. — R.T.T.

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