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The Senator's public service record, virtually impeccable, could be enough in itself to serve as the qualifications for a fine President, but there is more to consider than Bob Dole, public servant.

Suffice it to say, that a Kansan with deep roots in the state would make an excellent president, taking with him not only a knowledge of various economic sectors, but also the Kansas traditions of fiscal responsibility and cash basis government.

Kansas is noted for its two distinctive sectors within it's economy, namely agriculture and industry. Kansas farms export more wheat each year than any country in the world, including Canada, Australia, China, or Russia, all huge land masses. Although the agricultural section of our economy is not without it's problems, it continues to produce record to near record crops each year. The possibility of Senator Dole as President, coming from a state of such agricultural qualities, would probably fair well nation-wide. He must have a better than average understanding of the economics of farming and the problems our farms face. After all, his home town, Russell, is located in the agricultural heartland. Here he was born and raised, surely being constantly exposed to the successes and failures of local farmers.

One must further take into account our Kansas industry, especially that of the airplane manufacturers. Fifty per cent of all the airplanes in the world, whether they be commercial, military, or private are built right here in Kansas. The very fact that Kansas has been successful in creating a harmonious atmosphere for both labor and management is a fact that we must be proud of

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and strive to maintain, as well as, create nation-wide.

Therefore, to place Senator Dole in the White House backed not only with his expertise relating to the agricultural situation but also a further knowledge and dealings with one of the world's largest industries could possibly be the best thing yet for the United States.

On these two counts the economy of America rests. Farmers are on the brink of economic crisis and business is suffering from ever-increasing inflation, increased taxation and regulation. I will not attempt to offer my solution nor shall I speak for Senator Dole. However, one must observe that through all the gloom predicted by various economists, Kansas shines like a star between clouds in respect to it's economy. A President which is familiar with these very important sectors, not only of our state but of our nation could fair very well. He might do better than some others, having represented a microcosm, such as Kansas, in preparation for the task.

But, what about the man himself? Not every Kansan wants to be President. Senator Bob Dole does, and perhaps should be. There is more to his record than the paper and ink that meets the eye, and should be taken into consideration by every voter in the United States.

Almost countless times each year newspaper pollsters ask Senate members who among their leaders they most respect. Kansas' own Senator Dole long ago began appearing among the top of that list of names, often times his name appeared at the very top.

A recent national publication named our Senator the most effective Senator in the United States Senate, leading all 99 of his colleagues in regards to getting things done.

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I have long ago conceded that America is in the midst of a leadership crisis. There have been no Abraham Lincolns, no Thomas Jeffersons, no Dwight Eisenhowers, for this entire generation to look to. Perhaps this Senator is the leader we have sought.

Senator Dole has had a job of representing Kansas. And Kansas has come first, always, even now as he bids for the Presidency his state is his first priority in the Senate chambers. If his job were President of the United States I have no doubt that his nation would come first. Something many have articulated in the past is that we have enough domestic problems without worrying about this and that foreign problem.

Take a moment to consider the potential in a President such as Bob Dole. A Kansan with his background. A governmental leader and proven effective statesman. A man who has served his state and nation well and shows the ability to work long and hard for the entire nation from the White House.

In light of the argument in favor of a President from Kansas and the record and reputation of Senator Bob Dole. I believe Kansas should be less than surprised if Kansas' own Bob Dole is the man asked to step forward, place his hand on the Bible and take the oath of office for President of the United States in January, 1981.

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