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## Dole hopes Reagan takes action to shock U.S.

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WASHINGTON — Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., suggested Sunday that President-elect Ronald Reagan take action "to shock the American people" as a way of dramatizing the economic crisis in this country.

Dole, incoming chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, offered few specifics on what he had in mind for such a spectacular and public-shaking presidential pronouncement.

In an interview on NBC's "Meet the Press," the Kansas senator deferred most future policy decisions to Reagan, but did advise the next president to concentrate on domestic issues and to make the spectacular economic announcement within hours of his inauguration.

Bob Walte, Dole's press secretary, said later that Dole envisioned a Reagan declaration that the United States faces a national emergency, similar in tone to Franklin D. Roosevelt's action during his first 100 days in office.

A spokeswoman at Reagan's transition office here declined comment on Dole's suggestion, saying a press inquiry was the first she had heard of it.

"This period is so much a fact-finding time," she said. "It's more fact-finding than policy-making time and I doubt if anyone has talked about it."

Dole said the real leadership must come from Reagan. He said he does not plan to be a rubber stamp for all Reagan programs and said he hoped Republican senators will be able to sit down with the president-elect to offer their counsel.

Dole said he plans to meet Thursday with Reagan when the president-elect will be in Washington for another series of meetings and, most likely, to announce some of his Cabinet appointments.

Shortly after Election Day, Dole told reporters that the so-called Kemp-Roth tax cut plan, which calls for 10 percent reductions each year over three years, could be inflationary.

He backed away from that statement Sunday, illustrative of his growing belief that Reagan deserves a chance to develop his own policies.

"I hope I haven't said it. I'm not

going to make policy for President-elect Reagan, and if I've done that, I shouldn't have done that," he said.

"But I hope we have some input before President Reagan sends his tax cut to the Senate."

Dole, who will become chairman of a powerful committee that both spends and raises government revenues, said he is not prepared to endorse the Kemp-Roth approach. Instead, he said he wants to receive testimony on the package and to wait until a Treasury secretary has been appointed. He said he has no problem with New York banker Walter Wriston, one of those purportedly under consideration for Treasury secretary.

Dole carefully weighed his words on the tax cut.

"I'll support it (Kemp-Roth) if we see it's not inflationary," he said.

Congress is filled with bipartisan support for a tax cut in 1981, he said.

He conceded that the American people may not accept a tax cut unless the reductions are accompanied by spending cuts, adding, "when I get down to spending, then I think we should wait to hear from Mr. Reagan."



SEN. BOB DOLE  
... interviewed on "Meet the Press"

"I'm willing to bite the bullet on spending cuts," he said.

Asked by one of the questioners about the future of the food stamp program in a decidedly conservative Senate lineup next year, Dole said he expects the \$11 billion program to survive.

Dole, who will be chairman of the Agriculture subcommittee handling food stamps, said he fully expects an assault. There may be room for changes, he said.

Dole does have some ideas to present to Reagan on ways to improve the economic picture, including tax credits for business and an accelerated business depreciation allowance, his press secretary said.

On other matters, Dole said he has no evidence that would disqualify Gen. Alexander M. Haig from being secretary of state. Dole described Haig, former President Nixon's chief of staff, as an "outstanding American."

Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., however, said over the weekend that the Senate would take a close look at Haig's role in Watergate if he were nominated.

Dole said he has found nothing that

would give the Senate a reason to reject Haig's appointment.

Dole said he disagrees with Sen. Charles Percy's comments in Moscow two weeks ago that he favors creation of a Palestinian state headed by Yasser Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization. The substance of Percy's comment were made public when secret cables were leaked to the New York Times.

Dole, a strong ally of Israel, said he hoped that Percy was speaking only as an individual senator and had not portrayed himself as an official spokesman for Reagan. Percy, of Illinois, will be chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee.

The senator, in response to one of the few foreign policy questions asked him, said he believes the United States should keep under wraps its military plans in the event of a Soviet invasion of Poland. If Russia does enter Poland, the Soviets "could really kiss SALT II or SALT III goodbye for a long, long time," he said.

"There are not many pluses for them to think about going into Poland," he said.

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## Bob Dole and power are like ham and eggs

By Phil Swann

WASHINGTON — Sen. Robert Dole, R-Kansas, is a man whose time has come.

Dole has emerged as one of the most powerful members of the new Republican-controlled Senate. Indeed, Bob Dole and power go together like ham and eggs these days.

His new-found muscle was in dazzling display last week: Dole announced he would accept the chairmanship of the influential Senate Finance Committee; signed a multi-year contract to do a nationwide radio show; had lunch with Vice-President

elect George Bush; revealed a \$7,000 campaign surplus which will be used to attend speaking engagements across the country.

On Sunday, he appeared on NBC's Meet The Press and disclosed he would be meeting Thursday with President-elect Ronald Reagan. Reagan will soon name his agriculture secretary and agriculture transition team sources say he would not make a move without Dole.

In fact, the Kansas conservative is so busy now in Washington that he is not giving interviews. But sources say a presidential race in 1984 — if Reagan does not seek re-election —

seems likely if not inevitable.

"That's a little premature," says a Dole spokesman. "We are keeping our options open but we are focusing now on our senate responsibilities."

Associates say the senator is privately excited as a little boy on Christmas morning. But Dole is publicly soft-pedaling his sudden clout and that is understandable.

He knows today's political superstar can be tomorrow's lame duck. In fact, Dole was a near has-been just nine months ago.

He was soundly beaten in this year's GOP presidential primaries. He limped back home last March to an

nounce what had been painfully obvious for many weeks: His campaign was over.

Times have changed. Ronald Reagan is president-elect and the GOP will control the Senate in the 97th Congress, giving Dole the powerful Finance chairmanship. Agriculture — Dole's baby — has become a hot topic.

Dole, who friends call an opportunist, knows a golden opportunity when he sees it. He will use the Senate Finance Committee as a power base and keep his fingers crossed for 1984.

Reagan has suggested he may not seek re-election because of his age.

"(Dole) will move ahead at every opportunity," said Bill Taggart, Dole's former administrative assistant and now a member of Reagan's transition team. "He is an ambitious man."

Taggart said he did not know if Dole was planning to run in 1984, but he added, "If he wasn't interested, he still be country attorney."

David Owen, Dole's campaign manager for this year's senate race, said "(Dole) would still like to be considered a potential candidate (for president) ... but it would be a tough decision for him to run because he has so many responsibilities in the Senate."

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RUSSELL--Russell, Kan., will be the site of an unusual

homecoming Saturday noon, Dec. 27. The event will have two

U.S. Senators, both claiming this central Kansas town of

5,151 as hometown, meeting classmates and friends.

An informal reception and open house for U. S. Sen.

Bob Dole, R-Kan., and U.S. Senator-elect Arlen Specter,

R-Pa., and their wives is planned in the Elks Lodge in Russell.

Hours are from noon until 2 p.m.

Friends and former classmates others are invited to

attend. A large number of people from central and western

Kansas are expected. The public is invited.

The open house and reception is being provided by

friends in Russell so the senators may meet and visit

informally with friends throughout the area. There is no

formal program and the senators promise no speeches.

Senator and Mrs. Elizabeth Dole plan to come to Kansas

for the weekend from Washington. Prior commitments make it

necessary for the Doles to plan to leave later Saturday to

return to Washington.

Senator-elect Specter and his wife plan to be in Wichita

late in the week where they will visit with his sister and

family, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Morgenstern. Mr. and Mrs. Morton

Specter, Russell, will meet the other family members in Wichita.

All plan to drive to Russell Saturday morning in time for the

open house.

Dole, son of Mrs. Nina Dole and the late Doran R. Dole,

also has a brother, Kenneth, living in Russell. A sister,

Mrs. Larry Nelson lives in Russell and their other sister,

Mrs. Ted Steele, lives in Wichita.

Dole has been in public life since being elected state

representative while attending law school in the early 1950s.

He served as Russell County attorney and was elected to

Congress in 1960. In 1968, he was elected senator and

was re-elected in 1974 and in 1980. He was vice-presidential

running mate with Gerald Ford on the 1976 Republican ticket.

Specter was born in 1930 in Wichita. He moved to Russell

at the age of 12 with his family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Specter,

brother Morton, and sisters, Shirley, now Mrs. Erwin Kety,

Elizabeth, M.J., and Milla, Mrs. Morgenstern of Wichita.

He was graduated from high school in Russell.

After receiving a law degree from Yale University,

Specter established a practice in Philadelphia. He was elected

district attorney in 1965. After being defeated in a race for

mayor in 1967, he was re-elected district attorney in 1969

and served until 1973. In 1974, Specter returned to political

life. He was defeated in a U.S. Senate primary race. He

ran for governor in 1978 and was defeated.

Specter won the Republican primary election in the U.S.

Senate race and was elected in the general election in November.

The meeting in Russell Dec. 27 will be the first time in

many years the two men have been in Russell at the same time.

Russell is the only small town in Kansas

history with two U.S. Senators, even though they represent

different states. It also claims the distinction of being the

only small town in the nation to be so well represented

currently in the U.S. Senate.

There is no advance registration required and no admission

charge being made. All friends of Senators Dole and Specter

are invited to attend.

Free  
Reception  
Honors  
Two U.S.  
Senators  
From Russell