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Block, Dole to speak at Soy-Corn Conference

BLOOMINGTON — Secretary of Agriculture John Block and U.S. Senator Robert Dole are among the speakers scheduled to appear at the 1983 Soy-Corn Conference. The event, sponsored by the Illinois Corn Growers Association and the Land of Lincoln Soybean Association, will be February 2, 3 and 4 in Decatur at the Holiday Inn.

Block will speak at the Thursday, February 3, luncheon, while Dole will be the Thursday evening banquet speaker. Also slated on the Thursday roster beginning at 8 a.m. are Jim Gill, IAA director of market analysis, giving a current market outlook;

Richard Bell, president and chief executive officer of Riceland Foods, Inc., providing a long-range international market outlook; John Miranowski, associate professor of economics at Iowa State University, presenting a challenging view on erosion; and Mike Hall, chief executive officer of the National Corn Growers Association, addressing the United States-Soviet trade relations. Accompanying Hall will be two officials from the Soviet trade office with the responsibility for trade between the USSR and the United States.

Other topics to be discussed on Thursday include the contro-

versy over the Waterway user fee concept, production trends for corn and soybeans, and alternate uses for corn and soybeans.

The final day of the event features both associations' annual meetings: Jeff Gain, executive director of the American Soybean Association; Harold Kauffman, director of INTSOY; and Dick Moore president of Farm Management Systems, Inc. The luncheon speaker is "R.J. Saxet," a professional humorist and motivational speaker, relating to his life as a Texas oil tycoon.

Along with the top-notch speakers appearing, the conference also has an Exhibit Hall with over 50 booths representing various

aspects of agribusiness, a women's program on the morning of February 3 and, to kick off the event, a reception and dinner beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 2. Following the Wednesday dinner, "Two for the Show Trio" will entertain with a country/western singing performance.

A total convention registration package is \$60 per person or \$110 per couple. One-day registrations are also available for February 3 or February 4. All members, farmers and interested persons are invited to attend.

WHILE LIDDY DOLE MOVES UP TO THE CABINET, SENATOR BOB IS CASTING EYES AT THE WHITE HOUSE

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Elizabeth Dole, Liddy's new job is more than a victory for women. In their big re, it's a welcome addition to their joint political capital.

When Kansas Republican Bob Dole lunched privately with Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker this month, it took but a moment to arrive at a subject of mutual interest. "It was the first thing we asked each other," Dole admits. "Do you think the President is going to run again?"

The question is crucial to the future of both men. Baker, 57, has hinted he will run if Reagan steps down in 1984. Dole, 59, could well be Baker's strongest rival. "Neither of us had an answer," says Dole, "but we agreed that if he doesn't run, there is sure going to be a scramble."

The future of the Reagan Presidency is also important to the other half of the Dole household. Elizabeth "Liddy" Hanford Dole, 46, was nominated to the Cabinet Jan. 5 as Secretary of Transportation. Her promotion from White House special assistant to top-level Reagan aide would be a decided complication if Bob Dole ever considered challenging Reagan for the Republican nomination in '84. "If Bob did run," calculates Lyn Notziger, a Reagan political adviser, "Elizabeth would have no alternative except to resign or divorce."

After the Reagans themselves, the Doles are considered the most powerful couple in national politics, and the Washington cocktail circuit is a crackle with gossip and speculation about their future. She is a Harvard-trained lawyer who retains the Southern cadences of her Salisbury, N.C., birthplace and has evolved her own brand of reserved charm. She served in the Johnson, Nixon and Ford Administrations before joining the Reagan White House two years ago. Her husband is a handsome, grown-up poor Midwesterner, a bona fide hero whose withered right arm is a World War II badge of honor, and a forceful chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. "He's well respected, very bright, knows the issues," says fellow Senate Republican Orrin Hatch of Utah. "His only equal around this town is Elizabeth."

While other marriages might swiftly fold under the staggering 14-hour workdays and stresses of a two-politician family, the Doles claim their seven-year union is flourishing. "I think we both thrive on the hectic life-style."

D.C. entry: Dole & Dole

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By FRANK VAN RIPER

Washington (News Bureau)—He has emerged as one of the nation's most influential shapers of economic policy, a three-term Kansas senator with presidential ambitions who, as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, almost single-handedly maneuvered the huge tax hike bill through Congress last year, cajoling support not only from fellow lawmakers but from President Reagan as well.

She is a former federal trade commissioner and White House top aide who this month was named to succeed Drew Lewis as secretary of transportation, the first woman named by Reagan to a cabinet post. They are, in the current cliché, a "power couple" in the nation's capital, and while husbands and wives in this town often hold top jobs simultaneously, Elizabeth and Bob Dole are especially visible and influential because of their close—sometimes competing—proximity to the power and policies of the Reagan administration.

THOUGH THEY have been married for seven years and live under one roof, Bob and Elizabeth Dole rarely see each other more than one or two full days a week, and so they try hard to keep their Sundays free for each other. A joint appearance

by the two at a social or business function is regarded as a "rare sighting" in Washington since each has commitments during the week that overlap both ends of the business day. In fact, last month's one-day hearing on Elizabeth's nomination by the Senate Commerce Committee, in which Bob introduced his wife with a string of one-liners, might have been one of the few times they ever have shown up for work at the same place.

"I regret that I have but one wife to give to the nation's infrastructure," Bob cracked at the hearing, referring to his wife's—and the administration's—avowed commitment to rebuild the nation's roads and bridges. "TV dinners are a small price to pay for the rebuilding of highways."

IN FACT, DINNER fare at the Doles' sparsely furnished apartment at the Watergate (it was Bob's old bachelor pad) usually runs more toward tuna than tournedos. A maid comes in twice a week, but when she's not there, the chores are equally divided. A recent magazine photo showed the two making up their double bed. "When I cook, he does the cleanup," Elizabeth said.

The Doles were married in 1975. It was his second marriage; her first. Bob, a youthful-looking 59, has a grown daughter by his first wife, Liddy, as she is known, does not seem troubled by the prospect that at age 46, she probably will never have a child of her own.

DURING HER tenure in the Reagan White House, Elizabeth Hanford Dole drew mixed reviews for her access and influence, which could say as much about the tight, all-male White House inner circle as about any shortcomings of her. Her title was assistant to the President for public liaison; she served as a kind of bridge-builder to groups including labor, blacks, Jews, women and Hispanics who previously had been thought to be the property of the Democrats.

But the thanklessness of her task didn't faze Liddy Dole, a one-time May Queen from North Carolina whose good, two-brother cheerful, but sometimes rankle, but not a House-trained legal mind

and almost obsessive thoroughness has drawn praise from White House chief of staff James Baker.

IF MRS. DOLE'S influence was not manifest at the White House, it certainly appears to have affected her husband, a politician once better known for his partisan grousing than for his parliamentary diplomacy.

THE CLOSENESS of the 76 election prompted many Republicans—including those close to Ford—to grouse that Dole may have lost votes and possibly cost the election. The whispers hurt.

But Bob Dole, who made a brief run against front-runner Reagan in 1980, still wants to be President, and his public differences with the administration over the timing and details of tax matters have made some White House insiders wonder if the senator might be planning another run in 1984. (For the record, he says he'd consider it only if Reagan drops out.)

Should that happen, what would it do to the "power couple?" In 1980, Liddy left the Federal Trade Commission to campaign for her husband. This time around, who knows? Ever the good soldier, she didn't even tell her husband about her impending nomination to help preserve the President's secrets, too.

Maybe Bob has been keeping secrets, too.



Elizabeth Dole—Madame Secretary.



Sen. Robert Dole.

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Busy schedules keep Doles apart much of time

By BETTY CUNIBERTI
L.A. Times-Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — White House aides and staff members in the office of the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee were burning up the telephone wires, trying to reason, to compromise, to reach some workable agreement and set it in motion — quickly. What was to be done about the flood in the Doles' dishwasher?

Sometimes a little rain (or dirty dish water) does fall into the lives of Sen. Robert J. Dole, R-Kan., powerful senator and frequently mentioned as future presidential material and Mrs. Robert (Elizabeth) Dole, White House liaison and, after Senate confirmation, Secretary of Transportation. But usually such water falls on the heads of hired help, leaving the Dole craniums dry, rust free and ready to attend to the malfunctions of a nation.

Besides being exceptionally attractive, intelligent, driven and one of the most powerful couples in Washington, something else sets the Doles apart from most married people.

They do not see each other much. The first words Robert Dole heard from his wife about President Reagan's decision to nominate her as a cabinet secretary were uttered by Mrs. Dole on national television, when the

president announced it at his press conference with Mrs. Dole by his side.

Washington being Washington, where the White House leaks much more often than the Dole's, Elizabeth Dole did find out about his wife's nomination 40 minutes before the telecast. Sen. Howard H. Baker Jr., R-Tenn., told him.

This is what their life is like, as it emerged during separate interviews with the pair. In her job as White House public liaison, Elizabeth Dole leaves the house by 7 a.m., before her husband. They do not have breakfast together. Lunch is out of the question and they have dinner together during the week "sometimes three times, sometimes zero," said Robert Dole. When they do dine, it is usually at a restaurant, often in their Watergate apartment complex. They go to their offices on Saturdays, then try to reserve Saturday nights for each other, but sometimes other commitments interfere. They try to have Sundays together, if the senator is not on one of the morning talk shows. Occasionally they dash off to Florida, where Robert Dole says he sits in the sun "and Elizabeth goes to Elizabeth Arden."

Asked if they see each other enough, Robert Dole replied, "I think so. We visit a lot on the telephone. She'll call me. I'll call her. I'll have something I'll want to pass on to (presidential chief of staff) Jim Baker through Elizabeth about what's going

on in the Finance Committee. I've sort of used that channel pretty well in a constructive way, which I'm going to miss. I don't know who to call there now."

Robert Dole had advised his wife to take the job if it were offered. "It seemed to me if they were going to focus on qualified women that the choice ought to be clear," he said. "It just seemed to me it was another step in progress. She's really in full flight now in her career."

Talking about how she combines her executive branch career with marriage to an important senator, Mrs. Dole was asked about a line in a story that said the Doles were strained by the process of having to withhold certain confidential political information from each other.

"It's not a strain. Not at all. Not in the least," she said. "If something (at the White House or a Cabinet meeting) was not ready to be discussed, I wouldn't do it. I'm loyal to my situation here. I don't think I could live with myself if I were talking about something that wasn't ready to be discussed. That's your professional integrity. That's not hard to deal with."

"Even though you don't have the time together that you used to have and even though you can't share everything in the way of information, there's a very deep sense of sharing the two careers, and each other's challenges, each other's accomplishments, each

other's problems. There's something there that makes a very real sense of sharing when you have dual careers."

Robert Dole talked about national attention "shifting" from him to his wife. She deserves the attention, he says.

Mrs. Dole is a particularly hot commodity because the Republicans need women in the forefront to soften their image, just as Democrats yearn for more military types to harden theirs. She is even mentioned as a possible vice presidential candidate way down the line. With her career soaring, does Elizabeth Dole envision any problems down the road overshadowing her husband?

"Such thoughts never occurred to me," she said.

"Any sort of rivalry between us — I can't ever imagine that because he does have an unusual strength, which I think had to be developed in his war years. (Dole suffered a severe combat wound in World War II and has limited use of his arms.) He went through so much adversity. And this enabled him to deal with any situation, just to plow right through it. He's got it all together. And he always will have. So I can't see that there would ever be that kind of tension between us."

Elizabeth Hanford was raised by well-to-do parents in Salisbury, N.C. Elizabeth was the one leading a trail of kids across a frozen pond, "wanting to plan things, to organize, to lead expeditions to new territory."

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Dole lashes banker group

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Robert J. Dole, R-Kan., chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, told leaders of the American Bankers Association Thursday they've been irresponsible, unfair and misleading in trying to win repeal of tax withholding from interest and dividends.

Further, he said as his audience sat in silence, if bankers are so concerned about fairness, they will have a chance, starting March 11, to explain to his committee why they should continue receiving tax preferences that make the banking industry one of the lowest-taxed in the country.

"The tactics used by many banks, savings and loans and credit unions have reached a historic low, at least if one judges institutions like banks by the standards of trustworthiness and responsibility they hold out as their calling card," Dole said.

David Hastings of Richmond, Va., who heads the association's task force on withholding, said the bankers were persuaded "not in the least" by Dole's remarks. He denied the industry's nationwide advertising campaign has been unfair.

As part of the tax increase enacted last year, Congress imposed 10 percent withholding on most interest and dividends beginning July 1.

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