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Dole calls Iraqi offer to withdraw unacceptable

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Iraq's peace offer Friday would result in "a total victory for Saddam Hussein" if it was accepted, said Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan.



The Senate minority leader Dole suspects that the Iraqi offer resulted from the near constant aerial bombardment to which Iraq has been subjected. Dole said the U.S.

should continue the bombardment, postponing a ground war for now. "He's on his knees," Dole said during a telephone press conference of Kansas journalists. "He knows the end is near, and he's trying to put the best face on it. Let's not commit ground forces. Let's keep hammering him from the air and keep putting on the diplomatic pressure and keep the embargo in place. We don't need to commit ground forces in my view."

For the U.S. and its allies to accept the Iraqi plan presented at 8 a.m. Friday (CST) would be to give

Saddam victory. "Our mission (in the Persian Gulf) is clear," Dole said. "He (Saddam) can end it all in 30 seconds."

Saddam could "end it" simply by withdrawing from Kuwait unconditionally, Dole said.

Should Saddam withdraw unconditionally and the war end, Dole does not see the Iraqi dictator necessarily being forced from power. Such a withdrawal would force the coalition to end hostilities even though Saddam still might be in power.

"My view is that if he withdrew from Kuwait whether we were totally satisfied or not, that would

comply with the U.N. resolution, and we are bound by that," Dole said. "There is this other implicit statement that we have to destroy him militarily. I think he's been reduced to a second-rate military power now. His is no longer the fourth-strongest military force in the world."

"It would be better if he were removed from power, but that may not happen. But that wasn't one of the U.N. resolutions. It was that he withdraw from Kuwait unconditionally. That's going to be the key word. You see all these conditions Saddam Hussein lays out in his statement early this morning,

knowing they would not and could not be met. If you met all the conditions he asked for, we would have to break some treaties with Gulf states we've had for years. I mean it's a sweeping statement by Saddam Hussein and, in my view, it's going nowhere."

While the U.S. and its allies may be winning the military battle, Saddam appears to be dominating the political war, particularly among Middle East countries, Dole said.

"There really are two wars going on," he said. "There's a military effort that Saddam Hussein is sort of sitting out. He's not in the mili-

tary part of it. He's being pounded every day and not doing much in return.

"There is a political war, which he seems to be dominating and the one he's really concerned about. That's first of all to drive this wedge to make it an Israeli-Arab conflict with the U.S. supporting Israel and some of the western imperialistic nations. He's really done much better in the political war than he has in the military war."

Friday's Iraqi peace offer was aimed at Arabs and was a further effort to discredit the U.S., Dole said.

Dole Foundation Announces 1990 Grants

WASHINGTON — The Dole Foundation for Employment of People with Disabilities has announced its 1990 grant awards totalling \$335,743 to nine community-level vocational training programs located throughout the United States.

The Dole Foundation, a non-profit organization headquartered in Washington, D.C., and established by Sen. Bob Dole in 1984, awards funds to non-profit organizations that operate programs that promote competitive employment for people with disabilities.

Since its inception the Foundation has made 129 grants totalling nearly \$3.2 million to organizations which have helped thousands of people with disabilities secure jobs through counseling, training, placement and follow-up support programs.

Grant recipients of the 1990 awards include nine organizations throughout the United States: Blue Valley Rehabilitation Services in Kansas City, Mo.; Comput Technologies Program, Inc., Berkeley, Calif.; Harbor House, Jacksonville, Fla.; Media Access Office, Inc., Los Angeles; The Foundation for Exceptional Children, Reston,

Va.; The National Council on Aging, Washington, D.C.; University of Arkansas Department of Rehabilitation Education and Research, Fayetteville, Ark.; and Washington Very Special Arts, Washington, D.C.

Paul Hearne, president of the Dole Foundation, said, "The Foundation is pleased to provide funds to develop and strengthen these innovative programs that will assist hundreds of Americans with disabilities in securing productive employment and economic independence."

Noting the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act in July 1990, Hearne added, "This year we have expanded our grants program to include not only vocational training programs, but also organizations offering technical assistance to employers, job applicants and others covered by the employment provisions of the ADA. These grants will promote the success, implementation, and realization of the legislation on a national level."

"In conjunction with these efforts the Dole Foundation will continue to provide leadership to local programs which respond to the needs of the disabled com-

unity. In the employment context this could include job placement programs, innovative training programs, corporate awareness and innovative methods of preparing people with all types of disabilities for the world of work."

Applicants for Dole Foundation funds undergo an in-depth evaluation by Foundation staff. Proposals that meet the Foundation's criteria are then forwarded to the Foundation's Technical Advisory Committee, a panel of nationally-recognized disability employment experts. To be funded, programs must meet a significant local need, create greater employment opportunities for people with disabilities, show creativity and innovation, and have the potential to be replicated nationally.

Dr. Jeanne Argoff, director of programs, remarked, "One of our most important functions is to encourage the development of projects which meet the particular employment needs of the disability community. For instance, one of our primary goals is to support underserved sub-populations. Another goal is to support an array of programs that help people with disabilities gain access to a wide range of vocational opportunities."

"Programs such as the project at the National Council on Aging, which is oriented toward younger adolescents, reach populations that have received very few employment readiness and placement services," Dr. Argoff said. "Our support for programs similar to the grant for Media Access Office, Inc., which serves actors and others with disabilities, or the All Aboard job fairs project sponsored by the University of Arkansas, help us address the entire spectrum of employment needs for people with disabilities."

Hearne noted that one significant underserved population is people with severe head injuries. "Due to recent advances in medical technology," he said, "there are many more survivors of severe head injuries than in the past. Mere survival, however, is not enough. With life-skills training and vocational training, people who have undergone severe head injuries can become employed and lead productive, rewarding lives. The Dole Foundation is a leader in supporting programs that are aware of these trends and offer services that provide timely solutions."

An example of this support is the Dole Foundation grant to Blue Valley Rehabilitation services, which serves individuals with severe head injuries. With its \$44,100 grant the organization will expand its employment focus from work within a sheltered environment to work in the community with the assistance of a job coach. Funds will be used to hire a full-time job coach and to purchase a comprehensive cognitive-training software package designed to bolster the job performance skills of people with cognitive disabilities.

A \$15,000 grant to Computer Technologies Program, Inc. will fund the addition of a nine-month personal computer training program for people with severe disabilities. The organization's current computer training curriculum, which is primarily main-frame oriented, enjoys a 91-percent success rate in placing people with disabilities in computer-related positions. The curriculum will be supplemented with job search skills training and independent living skills counseling.

Disability Rights Education Defense Fund, Inc. will use a \$50,000 Dole Foundation grant to train disability leaders across the United States to work with the business community on the employment provisions of the ADA,

a new federal law which will, for the first time, guarantee comprehensive civil rights protections to all people with disabilities. The project is designed to promote a mutual understanding of the opportunities and obligations of the disability and business communities in conjunction with the new law.

Harbor House, a residential program for people with developmental disabilities, will use a Dole Foundation grant of \$21,700 to provide community-based employment services to its residents. Funds will be used to employ a part-time employment counselor and part-time job coach to provide comprehensive, transitional employment services to 21 residents.

A \$30,000 grant to Media Access Office, Inc. will enhance the organization's employment services for 135 actors and entertainment workers with disabilities. A computerized job bank for referral and placement services will be developed with Dole Foundation funds. The organization, which promotes authentic portrayals of people with disabilities in entertainment media, will also use these funds to provide training workshops for actors with disabilities.

The Foundation for Exceptional Children will use its Dole Foundation grant of \$50,000 for a program that will create 40 new jobs for youths with disabilities aged 18-21. The program, called "Team Work," matches disabled youths with older workers or retirees who provide assistance and guidance in job training and placement in rural and small urban settings.

A \$49,986 grant to The National Council on Aging will assist 40 youths aged 10-14 in developing skills essential for employment and independent living through a job-skill curriculum and the assistance of older mentors. The curriculum is designed to teach adolescents about work environments, basic job and life skills, job standards, setting goals and additional skills.

The University of Arkansas Department of Rehabilitation, Education and Research will use Dole Foundation funds to conduct eight job fairs across Arkansas and neighboring states in 1991. The \$49,947 grant will assist in applying mainstream employment practices to the process of placing people with disabilities.

A \$25,000 to Washington Very Special Arts will train 25 minority youths aged 16-24 by a "Vocational Training Through the Arts" program. The program will enhance the employability of youths with developmental disabilities by integrating intensive training in arts-based employment skills with on-the-job training, placement and post-placement follow-up.

In addition to its grants program, the Dole Foundation promotes the employment of people with disabilities through a program of education and public awareness activities related to the ADA. The Foundation recently published "The Workplace Workbook: An Illustrated Guide to Job Accommodation and Assistive Technology" by James Mueller, which includes illustrations and instructions for employers and counselors on making modifications for workers with a wide range of disabilities.

In 1991 the Foundation plans to hold its second employer-to-employer conference on hiring people with disabilities and the impact of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The first was held in Chicago in October 1990, and focused on the hiring of minority group members with disabilities. The 1991 conference will help employers understand their rights and responsibilities under the ADA.

Glickman criticizes Dole for '90 talk with Hussein

Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole received a not-too-veiled swipe from the fellow Kansan most often mentioned as a potential challenger, Rep. Dan Glickman, in a recent speech the Wichita Democrat delivered on the House floor.

Glickman was talking about a "mixed message" the U.S. government had sent to Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein about its concerns in the Persian Gulf area.

Some members of Congress, Glickman said, helped send those signals during a meeting April 12, 1990, between a Senate delegation, led by Republican Dole, and Hussein in Iraq.

"According to press reports, members of the delegation conveyed the message that President Bush opposed efforts in Congress to impose economic sanctions on Iraq in response to human rights abuses," Glickman said.

In the transcript of the secretly taped meeting, Dole assures Hussein that Bush would oppose sanctions and might veto them "unless something provocative were to happen." Dole also says the White House had not authorized a Voice of America editorial comparing him with the late Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu.

POLITICAL SCENE

Dole is expected to seek a fifth term in the Senate next year. Glickman, now in his eighth term in the House, has in the past considered running against Dole or Republican Nancy Landon Kassebaum, both of whom have racked up large winning percentages in recent elections.

Glickman, however, has been discouraged by the poll numbers and has never taken the plunge, despite urgings from national Democrats who want him to run, if for no other reason than to give Dole a hard time.

—James Worsham

Dole backs Bush's ultimatum to Iraq

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Kansas Sen. Bob Dole said Friday he thinks Saddam Hussein knows his "number is up" and wouldn't be surprised to see the Iraqi president start moving his troops out of Kuwait before today's noon deadline.

"I think he now understands that he's beaten, that it's over," Dole told a dozen Kansas reporters during a telephone news conference.

Dole said he received a call Friday morning from President Bush, who told the senator a Soviet-Iraqi proposal to end the war in the Persian Gulf was unacceptable to the United States.

A short time later, Bush announced Saddam has until noon today — 11 a.m. Salina time — to "begin his immediate and unconditional withdrawal from Kuwait" or face a massive ground assault.

Dole, who said Bush was "exactly right" in making his ultimatum, speculated the president probably wants to bring the Soviet peace initiative to a close. Then the United States and other countries aren't caught for weeks or more in "a dance back and forth" between Moscow and Baghdad.

He predicted that the rejection of the peace proposal would not split the coalition of countries

lined up against Iraq. The senator said someone Thursday night called the plan a "coalition buster," but he considered it more of a "coalition tester" and nothing more.

"There is no crack in the coalition," Dole said. Dole said he was not anxious for a ground war to begin and hoped the allies would use air power as much as possible before a land assault starts.

The senator was asked whether his experiences in World War II contributed to his uneasiness. Dole was in combat in Italy as a second lieutenant and platoon leader when shell fragments riddled his body. He was hospitalized 39 months and almost died.

"I hope I'm not letting my personal experiences interfere with my judgment," Dole said, but "you just can't avoid casualties. Once it starts, you never know where it comes from. It's chaos. I want to make certain we have exhausted the so-called air strategy."

He offered no opinion on how long a land war might last.

"I'm not certain anybody knows that," Dole said. "We don't know for certain how much damage we have inflicted. We have estimates."

He said the Soviet Union would like to be seen as the "peace broker" in the Persian Gulf war. But the reality is that "we've paid a very heavy price. The Soviets are, in fact, observers," Dole said.

"We're going to have the credibility once this is

over." Dole said he expects the United States to emerge from the war as the world's only remaining superpower.

With such standing, he said America could use its influence to resolve the Palestinian question and other Middle East issues and bring stability to the region.

Bush's vision of a "new world order" is possible, Dole said.

As for Saddam Hussein's place in that order, the senator predicted he won't be a factor if Iraq is stripped of its military power.

Bush gave Saddam only a week to withdraw from Kuwait, a demand that would force him to leave behind most of his military equipment, Dole said. Further, the United States should demand an international arms embargo of Iraq.

"We don't want to back out of that part of the world now and have to go back and clean it up in a couple of years," Dole said.

Dole said the United States must stand firm on its demand for war reparations. He said Saddam Hussein should be made to pay for damages his troops and weapons have caused to Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Israel and other nations.

He said Iraq may be "flat on its back now," but with its huge oil reserves the dollars should be flowing in a couple of years — especially if Saddam isn't allowed to buy more weapons.

"He started this, and he can end it," Dole said.

