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# Even in Congress, there are limits

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WASHINGTON — One way to really rankle Kansas Sen. Bob Dole is to do something he thinks is unfair. In Congress, unfairness crops up faster than dandelions during the not-so-pretty process of making federal laws. And few are quicker or more tenacious in trying to weed out those who seem politically motivated than Dole, a Republican and legendary partisan battler.

Recently, Dole attacked Ohio Sen. Howard Metzenbaum, a similarly partisan Democrat, with whom Dole has some interesting ties. The criticism was a rare event in the Senate, where members most frequently address each other as "my distinguished friend" or "my esteemed colleague."

Dole's criticism came after Metzenbaum, who is chairman of the Judiciary Committee's antitrust subcommittee, called a hearing on Feb. 7 to investigate J. Fife Symington's role as a former director of a failed Phoenix-based Southwest Savings and Loan.

Dole sided with Symington, 45, a Republican and a second cousin to the late U.S. Sen. Stuart Symington of Missouri, whose distinguished career included serving as the first secretary of the Air Force and helping to bring a professional baseball team to Kansas City.

In recent weeks, J. Fife Symington has been locked in a neck-and-neck battle for Arizona governor with Democrat Terry Goddard. The run-off election is scheduled for Tuesday.

Despite Dole's recent criticism, in the past he has worked with and for Metzenbaum.

For example, last April, Dole led a five-member Senate delegation, Metzen-



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baum among the group, on a Mideast tour to talk with Arab and Israeli leaders, which included three hours with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. The senators warned Hussein about manufacturing chemical and biological weapons.

And more than three years ago, Dole was among the first Republicans who stoutly defended Metzenbaum after a Republican Senatorial Committee report alleged that Metzenbaum had Communist ties.

"Let us face it, we are in a rough and tumble business called politics, but there are certain limits," Dole said on the

Senate floor July 29, 1987. "Fairness, I think, is a benchmark that we all need to focus on from time to time."

Dole added that he'd had his differences with Metzenbaum, and said: "None of us are perfect, but I do not think it does much for the institution or any of us to start hurling charges back and forth at each other."

"If we cannot say anything good about our colleagues, we probably should not say anything."

Times changed. In the Symington case, Metzenbaum said Southwest Savings and Loan had violated federal regulations for making a \$30 million loan to Symington for a development project in Phoenix. Metzenbaum said the property was worth far less and was part of the reason the S&L collapsed.

Symington, in Washington on fund-raising business, asked to appear before the committee. He said the allegation was an "insult," and that he had acted "appropriately."

Arizona and Ohio Republicans accused Metzenbaum of trying to influence the governor's race. He said he would "truly regret that happening," according to *The Washington Post*.

Dole, who as Senate minority leader is the top Republican official in Congress, took to the Senate floor, this time against Metzenbaum.

Dole said on Feb. 7 that the Democratic-controlled subcommittee was acting with an "unprecedented abuse of Senate power and privilege."

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# Dole: Soviets should 'butt out'

By Barry Massey  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., says the Soviet Union should "butt out" of the Persian Gulf War as the United States moves toward a military victory over Iraq.

Dole, in a speech Tuesday on the Senate floor, criticized the Soviets for continued diplomatic overtures to settle the war and "save Saddam Hussein's neck" and his military.

The senator complained the Soviets "haven't risked a single life, or a single ruble in this conflict."

"Let me tell you, the American people are in no mood for any more Kremlin interference, promoting terms that could well endanger allied lives, save Saddam Hussein's neck and preserve his Soviet-supplied war machine," Dole said.

Dole endorsed President Bush's decision to continue to



Kansas Sen. Bob Dole, left, and Vermont Sen. Patrick Leahy speak with reporters Tuesday outside the White House after Bush's meeting with Congressional leaders.

attack Iraqi forces and reject Saddam's announcement that Iraqi troops were withdrawing from Kuwait.

"There will be no letup, no cease fire, no time outs until Saddam Hussein himself raises the white flag. This is still our

bottom line," Dole said in the speech.

Soviet officials have hailed Saddam's announcement as a way to peacefully settle the war. Saddam's speech came after Baghdad radio said that troops had been ordered to withdraw in line with a Soviet peace plan.

Dole dismissed Saddam's announcement as an effort by the Iraqi leader to "throw a few more sucker punches."

Turning his attention to the Soviets, Dole said it was "time to send a signal to Moscow: It's time for you to butt out — we don't need any more free advice."

At the White House, Dole said he told the president "don't let Saddam Hussein off the hook."

The senator delivered a similar message in his Senate speech, saying it was clear that Saddam "now realizes he stepped into the ring with a real heavyweight ... and he's going down."

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we've been part of it and I've heard some of these critics saying, 'Well, there's nothing worth fighting for. There's nothing worth being wounded for. There's nothing worth dying for.'

"Well, that's not the attitude of the men and women wounded in combat, fortunately. It's not the attitude of the young men and women in the last couple of hundred of years willing to lay down their lives, we wouldn't be here today in a free country, enjoying all the benefits we have in America. We're not perfect, but America is way ahead of whatever's in second place.

"So I feel very honored to receive this award. When people see my lapel pin, they ask me, 'What's that on your lapel?' 'What's that mean?' Most people don't know what it is. Let me tell you, I know what it is. It's sort of

a security blanket, or a confidence builder, what ever. And if I ever leave it at home one day I have got to go back and get it. I can't work without it. So, I've got a few spares that have been in every desk I use. And I've given a few away, to Purple Heart people who don't have a lapel pin.

"I've made two calls to mothers in Kansas who have lost their sons; one is too many when it comes to casualties. I agree with General Schwarzkopf, 'They are never low enough.'

"Still, when it's all said and done, I think America's smashing victory is going to restore a lot of pride in America and it's going to make a lot of Vietnam veterans feel a lot better too. I'm proud of our Vietnam veterans, especially for their show of support for our Desert Storm troops. No doubt about it, they understand what it is to be ignored — and they were the ignored warriors in our lifetimes. So let's hope they will have a real resurgence in respect and pride now.

"America will recognize these young men and women coming back from the Persian Gulf. We will also recognize the Korean veterans, the Vietnam veterans, Grenada and Panama vets, too. Because without every one of these courageous Americans, we would not be free Americans. I thank you very much for this special honor."

# Operation Desert Storm

# Dole: We can't just walk away from it

Senator says U.S. may maintain presence in Gulf for several years

By Duane Schrag  
The Hutchinson News

While American soldiers involved in the brief but intense Persian Gulf war will be coming home in the next few months, the United States needs to maintain some control in the region, perhaps for several years, said Sen. Bob Dole in his weekly telephone conference with Kansas reporters.

"We can't just walk away from it," said Dole, the Senate minority leader. "We need to retain a presence there. We need to make sure the right things happen there. It could be several years."

He noted that the military was



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prepared to wage a much longer war and thus has a substantial amount of equipment and supplies on

hand in the desert.

"I assume we will store some there, just in case something should happen," he said. "We want to be prepared."

In light of anti-American sentiment on the part of some Arab countries, it would probably be wisest to have an international peacekeeping force there, rather than an American one, he said.

Here, of course, quite the reverse attitude prevails. President George Bush and the military are enjoying their finest hour.

"We had a meeting this morning on how do we focus now on turning around some of these decisions by liberals in the Congress over the past years, and I think President Bush is going to be 10 feet tall around here," Dole said. "Maybe we can change some of these ill-advised decisions and focus on high-technology weapons and reorder priorities in the military."

The United States has emerged as the uncontested leader of the

world, Dole said.

"I think the Soviets understand now, certainly, they can contribute, but they can't dominate. We're going to be the dominant force everywhere — whether we like it or not — for a while," he said.

However, Dole said, plans to cut military spending will proceed, although there could be rearranging of priorities.

"We are going to have substantial cuts in defense spending," he said. "When we get all these high-powered military men and women back here, they can tell us what works and what doesn't work."

The United States is counting on members of the coalition forces to help pay for the cost of the Persian Gulf war. Among those who should be paying, Dole said, is Japan.

"I think they would be well-advised to get their money in here," he said. "I'm speaking as a friend: They want to make sure

they contribute their fair share and do it promptly."

One question the war laid to rest was whether an all-volunteer army is feasible.

"I think this is an indicator the volunteer army will work," Dole said. "They are highly trained; they are highly skilled."

He said that he concurs with the view that the war has restored America's pride in its military and has "gone a long way toward wiping out the so-called Vietnam syndrome."

Dole joked about the potent political fallout being generated by the crushing victory.

"I was kidding General (Colin) Powell. You know, Gen. Powell lived in Kansas for a while," Dole said. "I said, I hope you don't decide to run for the (U.S.) Senate in 1992."

Dole said he has not yet decided whether he will run.

# Dole predicts Saddam will be ousted in Iraq

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., said Friday that he expected Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to be forced out of power eventually because of civil unrest.

"My view is that Saddam Hussein will not be around. I don't know how long, but I would say his days are numbered as a leader in that country," Dole said in a telephone news conference with Kansas broadcasters.

Dole pointed out that there had been reports of rebellion within Iraq since the fighting ended in the Persian Gulf War.

"The people of Iraq and Baghdad in particular are just now finding out how bad it was. You've got tens of thousands of troops who are flooding back with horror tales about what Saddam put them through," Dole said.

He also discounted the prospect that Iraq would be able to rebuild its military forces quickly and again become a threat to stability in the Middle East.

# Dole says troop movements not unusual

The Capital-Journal

Sen. Bob Dole said Friday he sees "nothing unusual" about the movement of U.S. troops back into the forward positions they vacated in southern Iraq several days ago.

Elements of the 1st Cavalry Division and 101st Airborne had pulled out of the positions they held when the shooting stopped Feb. 28 and

were patrolling the area by helicopter. When he learned of it, Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf ordered them back in, saying he wanted troops "on the ground."

The action touched off a flurry of speculation among military families in the Fort Riley area, because the post's 1st Infantry Division remains in place in the combat theater — and because there are reports the

Iraqis aren't completely living up to the cease-fire agreements.

"I don't believe there's any indication they're going to start shooting again or anything like that," said Dole, R-Kan.

Dole recalled President Bush said Thursday he wanted to get the Americans home, "but we've got some problems in Iraq that may slow down some of" that.