

# Dole tries to get most out of Yeltsin visit

By Ray Hemman  
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Tight scheduling probably will prevent Russian President Boris Yeltsin from making a major speech at Wichita's Century II convention center when the leader visits the Air Capital on June 18, said Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan.

Dole met for 45 minutes Friday morning with Vladimir Lukin, the Russian ambassador to the United States, and Yuri Petrov, Yeltsin's chief of staff, in the senator's office at the Capitol.

Nevertheless, Dole is working to arrange a stop for Yeltsin at Wichita's Towne East Square mall.

"We've been trying to get him to come downtown, but time is a factor," Dole said during his



Yeltsin

weekly telephone press conference with Kansas journalists. "So now we are working on getting a stop at the Towne East Square mall since he'd almost have to go by that to get from Wichita State to the farm... We want one event where the public — everybody — has a chance to say, 'Well, I caught a glimpse of Yeltsin,' if they want to."

Yeltsin's visit to Kansas comes on the heels of his summit in Washington with President George Bush. Yeltsin also will address Congress during his stay in Washington.

Tentatively, Yeltsin is scheduled to fly into McConnell Air Force Base at 10:50 a.m. on June 18. Once he arrives, there will be a ceremony involving armed-service personnel, and he will be able to view a display of Kansas-made aircraft. From McConnell, he will move to Dold Foods, a packing operation, because the group is interested in food processing.

From Dold Foods, the group will move to Wichita State University to visit with students and faculty. After Wichita State, Yeltsin will go either downtown or to Towne East before heading to the Greg and Sandy Rau farm, which is about a mile away from McConnell.

The Rauses operate a 2,000-acre farm, of which about half is wheat. Chances are good that wheat harvest will be occurring or be in the area during Yeltsin's visit. The Russian republic has received millions of dollars of credits with which to buy wheat.

The Russian's visit is expected to end by 3:50 p.m. June 18.

The chances of Congress' approving a comprehensive aid package for Russia before Yeltsin's mid-June visit are not too good.

"I think that's a little optimistic," Dole said. "I think it could happen if we first approve an urban-aid package. I think some members are going to say

— maybe rightly so — that if we are going to invest, let's make certain the first that we pass is investing in urban America."

"I think there is a general bipartisan recognition that the former Soviet Union is a special case. We need to make short-term investments. We need to take the gamble. And I think that's one reason for Yeltsin's trip. I think they had hoped they might have a package ready by then. There are some things they can do without legislation. But I think we will eventually pass it. I think we should."

Dole reiterated his pay-now-or-pay-later theory about assisting the former Soviet republics.

"We are talking about avoiding another arms race, getting back into big defense spending," he said. "We may invest a few billion dollars — we might even lose a few billion dollars — but I think it's worth the gamble to try to encourage and promote democracy so we can avoid confronta-

tion down the road."

Residents of the former Soviet republics do want to make democracy work but are so far behind Western nations in developing democracy.

"I don't believe there is a real understanding of the American voter or taxpayer about how this would be in our interest," Dole said. "I know most people are opposed to foreign aid. Maybe they are right. But I think this is a little beyond foreign aid. I think this is an investment that might prevent us from spending billions and billions and billions of dollars on arms and might even prevent a conflict down the road that might send some of our young men and women into some conflict we don't want."

Dole said he hoped Yeltsin would make some major policy statements while in the U.S. and "even save one or two for Kansas." The Russian leader will meet with Congress and urge the institution to take action.

# Dole says Perot will shake up candidates

By Jan Biles  
The Hutchinson News

WASHINGTON — Now that the state primaries are over, Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., says he expects Texas billionaire Ross Perot to "shake up" the candidates nominated by the conventional two-party system.

He said Perot and President Bush are leading in election polls, with Democratic hopeful Bill Clinton "trailing far behind."

"It's a two-person race," the senator said Thursday morning during a weekly teleconference with Kansas journalists.

The teleconference, usually held on Friday, was scheduled a day earlier because Dole returned to Kansas on Thursday night to begin a brief statewide tour. He will speak today at a Veterans of Foreign Wars convention in Great Bend and spend Saturday at the Reef Empire Days in Garden City. He will board a plane Saturday night to Fort Scott, where he will participate Sunday in the city's annual Good Ol' Days celebration.

Dole said it is too early to tell what impact Perot will have in the November presidential election, but he added the independent candidate will be "a factor that both Democrats and Republicans must contend with."

Perot is expected to declare his candidacy on or before July 4. When that happens, Dole said Americans will begin to place Perot under greater scrutiny.

"Voters will start looking at how he stands on issues... Once he takes a position, some (of his supporters) will drop off... Perot is new, a fresh face. He can be everything to everybody," Dole said, adding that the tycoon will probably be able to maintain strong grass-roots support in several states, including Kansas.

The notion that Perot is willing to spend millions on a presidential run is counter to legislation being proposed to limit campaign financing.

"We'll never get restraints if the person at the top isn't worrying (about it)," Dole said.

During the teleconference, Dole mentioned that Perot pledged \$500,000 a couple years ago to the Dole Foundation which helps disabled people gain employment.

Regarding other topics discussed during the phone call, Dole said:

- The Federal Railroad Administration and Southern Pacific Railroad officials have agreed to reinvestigate the safety of a railroad crossing north of Hutchinson where three Hutchinson teen-age girls were killed Feb. 14. The officials are also discussing plans with the Kansas Department of Transportation to replace all crossbuck signs in the state.
- The tactics used by Lambs of Christ and other anti-abortion groups to block access to health clinics are probably self-defeating in the long run. The Lambs of Christ will join the Wichita Rescue Movement Saturday in protests at Wichita clinics.



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# Dole files for election by petition

The Associated Press

Sen. Bob Dole's campaign coordinator delivered to the secretary of state's office on Friday petitions bearing some 9,000 signatures to place the senator's name on the Republican primary election ballot.

If 4,976 of the signatures are verified by election officials as those of registered GOP voters in Kansas, Dole's name will be added to the Aug. 4 primary ballot as he seeks election to a fifth six-year term in the U.S. Senate.

Dole, 68, announced in January during a trip home for Republicans' annual Kansas Day activities that he would seek another term. The Senate minority leader confirmed he had delayed his decision to run again because of prostate surgery last year.

The senator has fully recovered from the surgery and resumed a full schedule, aides said. He was in Wichita on Friday and didn't come to Topeka for the filing of the petitions.

Scott Morgan, a Lawrence businessman who is Dole's campaign coordinator, brought a large box of petitions to Topeka.

He said they were gathered during May in 65 counties.

Morgan distributed a brief statement from Dole.

"I am grateful that my supporters were able to gather so many signatures," Dole was quoted as saying. "In just one month we have collected 80 percent more signatures than required."

"This kind of grass-roots support is deeply appreciated. I look forward to waging a vigorous statewide campaign."

When certified, Dole will become the second GOP candidate for the senatorial nomination. Richard Rodewald, a retired General Motors employee who farms near Baldwin City, filed on Aug. 14, 1991.

Dole first was elected to the Senate in 1968 and was re-elected in 1974, 1980 and 1986. His toughest race was in 1974, when he defeated former U.S. Rep. Bill Roy Sr. of Topeka by just 13,532 votes out of 794,434 cast.



Sen. Bob Dole

# Mall could put Yeltsin on display

By Jim Cross  
The Wichita Eagle

Sen. Bob Dole, trying to squeeze as much of Wichita as possible into a five-hour tour, wants Russian President Boris Yeltsin to spend 20 minutes at Towne East Square shopping mall during his June 18 visit.

Almost every second of Yeltsin's Wichita itinerary is being planned to show off the town, as if the city were a big museum of capitalism and democracy and the Russian leader were trying to see it all before he's out of film.

The proposed excursion to the shopping center is Dole's idea to turn things around: Let's give Wichita a look at Yeltsin.

"We want one event with the public where everybody has a chance to say: I caught a glimpse of Yeltsin," Dole said Friday after a 45-minute meeting in Washington, D.C., with Yeltsin's chief of

staff, Yuri Petrov, and the Russian ambassador, Vladimir Lukin.

Yeltsin's plans are still tentative, Dole said. The Russian president, who is to be accompanied by his wife, is expected to fly into McConnell Air Force Base about 10:50 a.m. that Thursday. Yeltsin will fly out by 3:50 p.m.

Trying to save time at every turn, Dole is talking to Wichita's aircraft manufacturers — Boeing, Beech, Cessna and Lear — about taking their planes out to McConnell and lining them up near where Yeltsin will land. There isn't time, Dole said, for Yeltsin to visit all four plants.

"In five minutes, he can get a glimpse of all the different planes," Dole said. "They said that would be OK rather than trying to pick out just one of the four."

The tour will start at Dold Foods' packing plant, 2829 Ohio. Then it's on to Wichita State University, where Yeltsin will talk with faculty and students.

Yeltsin's final stop will be at the farm of Greg Rau, in eastern Sedgwick County. Rau will host a barbecue.

Between WSU and Rau's farm, Dole hopes, there will be time for an appearance at Towne East or some other large public gathering. Asking Yeltsin to make a speech at Century II is another option.

Towne East offers the advantage that Yeltsin's motorcade is likely to drive right by it on the way to Rau's farm, Dole said.

Yeltsin's visit to the United States is timed to coincide with debate in Congress about whether to authorize aid to Russia. Dole is an advocate for helping the struggling democracy get on its feet.

"I know most people are opposed to foreign aid," Dole said. "And maybe they're right. But I think this goes beyond foreign aid. This is an investment that might prevent us spending billions and billions of dollars on arms. It might even prevent a conflict down the road."



Yeltsin Dole

Boris Yeltsin's tentative plans include touring a packing plant, visiting Wichita State University and attending a barbecue at a farm in Sedgwick County.

# Trail leads campaigners to Great Bend

By SUSAN THACKER  
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U.S. Senator Bob Dole on Friday officially threw his hat into the ring for a fifth six-year term in the U.S. Senate by turning in petitions bearing some 9,000 signatures. It will take 4,976 valid signatures to add Dole's name to the Aug. 4 primary ballot.

Dole prefers to file by petition to show he still has strong grassroots support.

Later in the day, he addressed the annual state VFW convention in Great Bend. Although he's a proud member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Dole looks for-



Senator Bob Dole

ward to the day when the organization no longer exists.

Dole spoke of a desire that the U.S. see two or three generations of peace. It wouldn't swell the membership of the patriotic organization, but it would be a wonderful gift to pass on to future generations.

This was the 72nd state VFW convention, and the 65th such convention for the women's auxiliary. It was a time to remember those who have served the country, and to honor top recruiters and fund raisers.

It was also a time to remember those who didn't return. A list of 35 Kansans missing in action from Vietnam was provided at one convention table. The list includes Air Force Maj. Carl F. Karst of Galatia, missing since Nov. 16, 1968.

At a time when politicians are being told to look closer to home, the issues abroad are receiving less attention. Perhaps because they have served in foreign conflict, the VFW members were ready to hear Dole's views on international as well as domestic issues. Asked about whether or not the U.S. should give "aid to the Russians," Dole said he prefers to use other terms.

"I'd rather talk about an investment in democracy," he said. "Preserving democracy (in the former Soviet Union) is in our interest, too." Dole added that the nations in question are seeking technology so they can catch up with the rest of the world — which is about 10-15 years ahead of them — but they don't want "international welfare."

At home, Dole said he supports a balanced budget.

# Dole meets with local Republicans

By CHUCK SMITH  
Editor

While U.S. Sen. Bob Dole was in Great Bend Friday, he took time out during the early evening to meet with fellow Republicans and talk about current issues, including the presidential campaign and the campaign of one local candidate.

Discussing the state senate bid of Lillian Papay (see announcement elsewhere in today's Tribune), Dole said he hopes she doesn't have to pay for her past political involvement.

"She's gotten so many of us elected," he joked. "If we'd done a better job, she'd be a shoe-in."

On the national scene, Dole sees the campaign as a two-way race between H. Ross Perot and President George Bush at this point and he acknowledged that Perot has captured a lot of attention with his ideas.

On health issues for instance, the senator quipped, Perot's plan is the most popular so far "because he's planning on paying for it himself."

On a more serious note, Dole said Perot is going to "revolutionize politics. He already has."

"What he's saying makes a lot of sense. When he says we ought to deal

with the deficit, he's right. But he just hasn't said how he'd going to deal with it." And that is the weak point Dole sees in the Perot campaign so far.

Dole said it's one thing to see the pertinent issues, and quite another to have adequate, workable solutions to the problems.

Historically, third party candidates have a good showing in the polls, but they often fall off as the election approaches. While only the future will tell if that happens with Perot or not, Dole sees Bush pulling ahead. "My view is Bush will be re-elected and Perot will fall back and start to fade."

Whatever else happens in the election, it's certain there will be a lot of different faces in Washington, D.C. in the future. Dole looks for about 150 new House members and 15-20 new members of the Senate.

Recent problems, such as the House bank scandal, have created a movement away from incumbents, he said. "It's going to be very difficult this year. There's a lot of frustration."

One of the key election issues must be health, the senator said. "The election's going to be a referendum on health care."

While the U.S. spends more per ca-

pita on health care than any other nation, there are still major problems that need to be addressed.

Illustrating the problems with the health issue, Dole made reference to the short-lived campaign of Democrat Bob Kerrey, Nebraska, who ran on the single issue of health care. The only problem, Dole said, was Kerrey told people he'd raise taxes to pay for the system, which doomed the campaign.

Getting the kind of health care system Americans want is not going to be cheap, but Dole said a recently completed Gallup Poll shows most American consumers feel the problem is not the cost of care, but the profits in the industry.

Dole said the poll indicated the respondents believe health care providers are making too much profit, driving up the cost of care.

Regardless of where the problems lie, he added, the system has to be developed that will provide adequate care for the country's residents. Dole doesn't look for a plan to be adopted yet this year and he termed next year as a maybe, but it will have to be addressed.

"That's going to be the issue of the decade, the problem of the decade and we've got to get it solved."

# Challenger assails Dole

■ Democratic candidate for Senate calls Dole 'the establishment'

The Associated Press

Labeling incumbent Republican Sen. Bob Dole "the consummate Washington insider," Gloria O'Dell declared on Tuesday her candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate.

O'Dell, 46, in a statement delivered in her hometown of Bogue and at Hill City and Wichita, said her campaign constitutes "Gloria vs. Goliath" because of Dole's power in Washington.

"Bob Dole is big, like Goliath," she said of the biblical character. "Big money, big business and big government."

"Today, Bob Dole is the establishment. He's lost touch with real people and real life."

O'Dell is the first Democrat to declare for the party's senatorial nomination in the Aug. 3 primary

election. Others who have talked about it have backed off.

Dole, 68, filed petitions bearing some 9,000 signatures with the secretary of state's office last Friday. More than the required 4,976 of them were certified Tuesday as valid signatures of registered Republicans, placing Dole's name on the Aug. 3 primary ballot for GOP renomination.

Dole has a primary opponent, Richard Rodewald of rural Eudora, a retired General Motors employee. Christina Campbell-Cline, a Wichita accountant, has announced she plans to run for the Senate as an independent.

O'Dell, of Silver Lake, who took a leave of absence a week ago as special assistant to state Treasurer Sally Thompson, made her official declaration of candidacy Tuesday in Bogue.

She was scheduled to file in the secretary of state's office at 11 a.m. today while in Topeka.

O'Dell accused Dole of being "the architect of the midnight pay raise" when the Senate voted in 1991 to raise the salaries of its members to \$125,000 a year.

"Bob Dole orchestrated a surprise vote to raise the pay of all U.S. senators by \$23,000 a year," she said. "Our No. 1 public servant went around the taxpayers to secretly raise his own pay by \$23,000."

A graduate of St. Mary College in Leavenworth with a master's degree from Kansas State University, she is divorced and the mother of a 23-year-old son.

