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# Foreign troubles rise to the top

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Gov. Bill Clinton is learning that for all the best-laid plans of politicians and their advisers, foreign-policy matters will get forced to the top of a president's agenda, said Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan.



"Certainly we have a lot of domestic problems we have to address, but somehow foreign policy just doesn't go away," Dole said. During his weekly telephone press conference with Kansas journalists, Dole reviewed a litany of foreign-policy issues the incoming president will face.

"Foreign policy never seems to play much of a part in domestic politics unless you are in some conflict, but foreign policy has to be on the front burner because there's always some trouble spot around the world," he said. "I guess what some Democrats are concerned about — rightfully so — is that when Clinton is sworn in in a couple weeks, he's going to have so many foreign-policy problems he's not going to be able to focus on his domestic agenda."

"I'm not certain that's the case, but certainly you've got Iraq, you've got Somalia, you've got Yugoslavia, you've got the problem with Lebanon and Israel and the deportees — the Palestinians — you've got Iran making strange noises again, you've got Haiti and the threat to 200,000 Haitians coming to Florida because of the new Clinton policy. You've got all these things that are going to be right on President Clinton's desk on Jan. 20 right after he's sworn in."

"I think it's going to make it difficult for him to move the domestic agenda as quickly as he wanted to."

Dole said he and other congressional leaders met with President Bush earlier this week to review the situation in Iraq. The United States and its allies gave the Iraq government a 4:30 p.m. (CST) ultimatum to move missiles back from inside or near the no-fly zone that was established in southern Iraq after the 1991 Gulf War.

The Kansas said he wouldn't be surprised if any action that is taken occurs quickly if Iraqi President Saddam Hussein refuses to pull back the missiles.

"It would be a very limited operation," Dole said. "It has the support of Kuwait, the Saudis and our other allies. So my view is that unless there is a clear indication that Saddam is moving out of the area, it is going to happen today."

Dole did not say specifically what kind of action might be taken and added that there might be some delay and negotiating over the ultimatum.

The Iraqi president continues to "thumb his nose" at the agreements he made with the United Nations that ended the Gulf War.

"He's got to understand he made certain agreements, and he's going to comply with these agreements," Dole said.

On another international issue, Dole said it may be time to look at changing U.S. law on the grain credits that have been granted to the Russians. The nation is late with payments to the United States on \$127 million worth of grain.

Current law requires that any recipient of U.S.-guaranteed credit be "credit worthy." Since the Russians are late on their payments, they temporarily are being considered unworthy for credit and additional purchases of grain have been placed on hold.

Dole said Congress may have to amend the law to allow for restructuring Russia's debt to give the Russians more time under more favorable credit conditions.

"I've said many times we've got to do everything we can to help make certain that (Russian President Boris) Yeltsin is going to survive or someone like Yeltsin, or we're going to be back in the soup with some hard-lined KGB or former military person or somebody who is going to take us back into the old days of the Soviet Union. We don't want that."

# Dole may hit phones to get O'Dell a job

By BARBARA JOSEPH  
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One thing you have to give Gloria O'Dell — she's got guts.

The former Democratic challenger to Sen. Bob Dole recently showed up at the governor's inaugural day reception for Kansans, hosted by Dole in Washington.

The erstwhile opponents got talking, and O'Dell ended up accepting the minority leader's offer to help her find a job in the Clinton administration. They met a couple days later to discuss it more. And Dole's spokesman said Wednesday the senator will indeed help out O'Dell.

A fitting sequel to Gloria vs. Goliath, as O'Dell billed her 1992 Senate campaign?

"When you oppose me, I don't hold a grudge," O'Dell said from her Silver Lake home Wednesday. "And I didn't live all these years to suddenly become shy."

Said Dole spokesman Walt Riker: "We were civil all along. We never ran one negative ad."

He declined to comment on whether the cooperation between the former opponents was unusual.

Throughout her campaign, O'Dell attempted to portray Dole as the consummate Washington insider who had lost touch with Kansans. Close to the election, O'Dell launched a broadside of allegations against Dole, and a Dole campaign spokeswoman accused O'Dell of running an issueless campaign intent on smearing Dole's integrity with lies.

Meanwhile, Dole outspent O'Dell by almost 8 to 1 and finally bested her, his main opponent, by about 2 to 1.

But now, all that seems to be water under the bridge. Riker confirmed Dole had offered to help O'Dell job search, although he wasn't sure exactly what form that help will take.

"He knows a lot of people in the administration quite well," Riker said of Dole. "And people tend to return Bob Dole's calls. I think he will do something on her behalf."

O'Dell said Dole was very interested and supportive in their meetings.

"I felt very complimented by his respectfulness," she said. "And I met Elizabeth Dole for the first time. She said she thought my hat was stunning."

O'Dell, who left her job as special assistant to state Treasurer Sally Thompson to campaign, said she also had solicited the help of Democratic Reps. Jim Slattery, Dan Glickman and other influential politicians in her job search.

She has applied to the Clinton administration for the following:

- U.S. Department of Agriculture: An assistant secretary position focusing on small community and rural development.
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: An assistant secretary position focusing on policy development and communications.
- White House: A congressional liaison position, preferably to the Senate.

Until that hoped-for job comes along, O'Dell plans soon to become executive director for the Topeka company Keys for Networking, which she described as an information and referral group for parents of children with emotional disabilities.

She's also pondering her next campaign. "People ask me if I will run again," she said. "I say, 'Definitely.' It will probably be at the federal level. I would consider running for the Senate again."

# Dole Busy With Several State Stops, Including One in Russell

United States Sen. Bob Dole, R-Russell, will be here in his hometown sometime around noon Saturday to spend some time visiting family members. Later in the day he is to address the Kansas Corn Growers Association/Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers' Association meeting at the Holiday Inn in Great Bend.

At 5:45 p.m. Saturday, Dole is to speak at a reception for CIA Director Robert Gates, at the Beech Activity Center, 9710 East Central in Wichita. The Quivira Council of Boy Scouts is hosting the reception for Gates, outgoing CIA director under ex-president Bush. Dole is to present the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award to Gates, a Wichita native.

Then, capping off a busy day, Dole will be in Russell to speak at the 1993 Distinguished Berg Lecture in Wichita, at the Fourth Financial Center Auditorium, 100 North Broadway.

At 7 p.m. today, the senator was to attend the Kansas Day Native Sons and Daughters Banquet, in the Ramada Inn Downtown in Topeka.

And between 8 and 9:30 tonight, Dole is to attend and host a reception for Kansas GOP legislators, also at the Ramada Inn Downtown.

# Dole has a lesson in unity

Wells re-elected GOP chairman

By The Associated Press

TOPEKA — Sen. Bob Dole said Saturday that if Republicans had retained control of the state House of Representatives two years ago, the GOP would hold five Congressional seats now instead of four.

Dole made his comments during the Republican's annual get-together over Kansas Day weekend.

A feared battle for control of the party did not materialize as anti-abortion forces did not mount a challenge for chairman.

GOP State Chairman Kim Wells and the party's three other state officers were re-elected without opposition by the 135 voting members of the Republican State Committee. In fact, all four votes were unanimous.

Saline County Republican Party Chairman Randy Duncan was re-elected to a two-year term on the state executive committee.

Dole said he believed that former U.S. Rep. Dick Nichols of McPherson, who lost his district through congressional reapportionment, could have been returned to Congress if Democrats in the Statehouse had not drawn the reapportionment map.

Dole used the example to emphasize unity and the importance of every election. Republicans in Kansas hold both Senate seats and two of the four U.S. House seats. They also control both chambers of the Legislature.

"We're very lucky to have control of the state Legislature," Dole told fellow Republicans. "Of course, it came two years too late."

The state Legislature last year approved a reapportionment map that had four U.S. House districts instead of five. Nichols' district was dissolved. Democrats controlled the House by one vote then, although Republicans regained control in November's elections.

"They got to draw the map," Dole said. "We didn't get to draw the map."

He said if Republican lawmakers could have passed their own map, then either U.S. Reps. Dan Glickman of Wichita or Jim Slattery of Topeka, both Democrats, might have been defeated. That's because Republicans would have drawn a map favorable to Nichols' chances for winning an election.

Nichols ended up running for Congress in the Wichita-dominated 4th District and was defeated in the primary by Eric Yost. Glickman defeated Yost in the general election.

Dole and others emphasized the theme of Republican unity after George Bush's defeat.

"Every race is important," Dole said. "Politics is about winning."

# Dole: Environment, deficit top issues

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The "environment and what it is doing to my business" and the national deficit are two of the biggest problems facing the U.S. today, according to U.S. Sen. Bob Dole.

Although Dole — who was speaking to members of the Kansas Corn Growers Association (KOGA) and the Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers (KGSF) Saturday — said he has "always considered the environmentalists the pioneers because they understood water conservation and soil conservation and the consequences if you don't have it," Dole said there needs to be a balance between preserving the environment and restricting businesses.

"If you ask anybody, be it a farmer or a businessman or a businesswoman ... what the biggest single problem you think we're going to have to face in the U.S. in the next 10 years, it is the environment and ... why I can't build a plant in the United States because I have to wait five years to get a permit," said Dole. Going to Mexico or other foreign countries where permits take only a few weeks or days begins to look better, he explained.

"And that is one area that the members of Congress ought to be focusing on," he said. Dole added there



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needs to be a balance, but "we need to have a rationality to it," said Dole.

With President Bill Clinton scheduled to outline his economic package in the State of the Union message on Feb. 17, Dole said legislators were ready to start hearings to analyze the president's proposals.

important issues Clinton would need to be addressing, but the national deficit would also be of major concern.

"The stress right now is on to reduce the deficit," said Dole. "It is the single biggest problem in America today."

He gave credit to Ross Perot for "putting the deficit on the front burner. There is a solution, it is just going to take some tough votes to get something done."

While he would like to see an "honest to goodness effort made to reduce the deficit," Dole added, he would be behind the effort as long as it didn't involve an increase in taxes or a severe reduction in defense.

Dole said to reduce the deficit "you need to look at the spending side." He said the congressional budget calls for a 10 percent cut this year, a 10 percent cut in 1994 and a 5 percent cut in 1995. "We hope President Clinton can do as well in the White House," he added.

After accomplishing such cuts, Dole said then Congress can go to the American public and say "we did this, now it is your turn."

Dole added, "As for President Clinton, if he is this new Democrat, then I'm going to help him ... as long as it is an honest to goodness effort to restrain the deficit."