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Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole

Dole: U.S. on 'edge' of invasion

By JIM ABRAMS
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Critics on both ends of the political spectrum said Sunday that the Clinton administration's policy on Haiti is pushing the United States toward a military invasion of the Caribbean nation.

"I think it's going to happen. I think they're right on the edge," said Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan.

Incoming White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta countered that the administration policy of economic and diplomatic pressures to force Haiti's military leaders from power has been consistent. He said the administration has the legal

authority to initiate military action if necessary.

Dole said it was wrong to risk American and Haitian lives to restore democracy to that country. The United States shouldn't "run around invading countries because of democratic principles. If there's American interests threatened or American lives threatened that's another thing, but that hasn't happened," he said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Dole said he would relax economic sanctions and open a dialogue with members of the Haitian parliament.

Rep. Kweisi Mfume, D-Md., appearing on NBC's "Meet the Press," agreed with Dole that the administration's Haiti policy has increased the possibility of military intervention.

The president, said the head of the

Congressional Black Caucus, "ought to begin today by being consistent. That's been the biggest part of the problem." Mfume said "the options are quickly running out. And, unfortunately, we're getting closer and closer to military action."

Some members of the 38-member black caucus advocate military intervention to restore President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, who was ousted in a 1991 military coup. Mfume, however, said there is no consensus and the final call must be the president's. "He has to make that decision."

Administration officials in recent days have repeatedly said an invasion isn't imminent. But the Pentagon has also stationed 2,800 Marines and 4,700 sailors in 16 ships off Haiti, and preparations are reportedly being made for a quick strike against the military regime if ordered.

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Clinton hints at health reform compromise



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President Clinton says he realizes no health plan would cover all Americans.

Dole responds by saying: 'He's inching our way'

By The Associated Press

BOSTON — President Clinton opened the door Tuesday to a health-care compromise short of his once-firm demand of coverage for all Americans.

The president also urged Congress to stay in session until a reform plan is passed. His comments were made as he took a conciliatory approach in what had been billed as a showdown with Senate GOP leader Bob Dole.

Clinton said he could abandon his plan's requirement of employer-provided insurance — if another way could be found to cover most Americans.

Rock 'n reform

Group rocks the system to educate youth about health reform. Page 7

After Clinton's speech to the National Governors' Association, White House aides hurried to counter any impression that the president was yielding ground on any major goals. But they acknowledged a shift from Clinton's original goal of coverage of all Americans to his latest proposal to put the country on the track "toward universal coverage."

"He's inching our way," Dole said.

Clinton's remarks were welcomed by other lawmakers in both parties who have been

critical of his call for coverage for all Americans, financed largely by employers.

"He's singing our song, and we think that's great," said Sen. John Chafee, R-R.I., leader of a bipartisan group in the Senate.

"A change, yeah, sure," said Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. "It means we can get a bill."

Clinton said he agreed with Dole on one point — that Congress should forgo its scheduled August recess if necessary to complete work on a health-care bill.

"All I ask in these closing weeks of the debate is that we take the political air out of the balloon and ask ourselves: What will work for ordinary Americans?" Clinton told

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Sen. Bob Dole tries to sell his health reform plan to the nation's governors.

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Clinton says no plan could cover everyone

the governors.

After more than a year of insisting on guaranteed coverage for everyone, Clinton said he realized no plan could do that. He didn't say what he would settle for but said that "you've got to get somewhere in the ballpark of 95 percent" to guarantee cost controls and other components critical to national reform.

After the speech, Clinton said, "You cannot physically cover 100

percent. It's impossible. Nobody can do that. We don't cover 100 percent of the people in Social Security and it's universal."

For his part, Dole also assured the governors he was open to compromise.

After his speech to the governors association, Dole was more rigid, saying Republicans were unwilling to yield more ground.

"There's no use kidding anyone; we're not going to go any further," Dole said.

In their back-to-back speeches, neither Dole nor Clinton as much as raised his voice and each said his

plan was closest to the health-care framework endorsed by the governors last winter.

That proposal called for reforms that would allow people to take their insurance with them from job to job and would prohibit insurers from denying coverage to those with pre-existing conditions. The governor's plan also called for subsidies to help low-income Americans and small businesses buy coverage.

Trying to rally the governors to his side, Dole said he would try to replace the federal Medicaid spending caps that are a critical financing element of his plan.

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Dole mocks Clinton health plan

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Bob Dole ridiculed the White House health care strategy Saturday and warned that Senate Republicans will revolt if congressional Democrats try to force quick votes on plans they are now scrambling to draft.

As the Democrats rush to salvage health care reform this year, Dole took more of a go-slow approach, saying Republicans were willing to work out a deal this year but not if Democrats stick to mandated coverage and other objectionable provisions.

"We don't have to do it all this year," the Senate GOP leader told the Republican National Committee. "We don't have to do anything this year. ... There shouldn't be a deadline. We meet every year."

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with optimism about the party's prospects in November's 435 House, 35 Senate and 36 gubernatorial elections.

The sessions also offered a glimpse at a handful of potential 1996 presidential contenders, from Dole and former Defense Secretary Richard Cheney to more distant possibilities like Govs. William Weld of Massachusetts and Pete Wilson of California.

One after another, they lambasted Clinton as a fan of big government — and an inept world

leader, and cast the GOP as the true home of tough crime control and welfare reform.

Taking aim at the health care debate, Dole noted pointedly that White House allies are out in bus caravans promoting reform even though the White House conceded last week that its plan was dead and congressional leaders have yet to present their alternatives.

"I don't know what they are doing," Dole said mockingly. "They don't have a plan. They're just riding around the country."

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Dole strikes deal on millions for Sterling College

By Chris Koger

STERLING — A stalled effort in Congress to refurbish buildings at traditionally black colleges was revived Tuesday when Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole and Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun struck a deal on money for Sterling College.

The college in Rice County would get enough to refurbish its century-old Cooper Hall, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The building has been closed since 1988 because of structural problems.

Sterling College President Roger Parrott had been in contact with Dole off and on since the building closed, in hopes of securing federal funds. Parrott said the college has plans to start a campaign to raise matching funds if the \$3.6 million is passed through Congress.

"Dole has weathered the storm on this thing and taken the heat for this nationally," Parrott said. "I have to tip my hat to him for that."

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Sterling College President Roger Parrott said the college has a black student population of 4 percent; there are currently no black faculty members.

"We've worked hard to recruit black faculty, but sometimes that's not easy to do in a small Kansas town," Parrott said. "It is not for lack of trying."

Dole said Tuesday that he and Moseley-Braun, an Illinois Democrat and the only black senator, reached an agreement for \$2 million to restore buildings at historically black campuses around

the country and on a separate bill authorizing \$3.6 million for Sterling College.

Dole's argument for Sterling is that it played a leading role in race relations for decades, opening its doors to all students when some colleges wouldn't allow blacks on campus. Parrott has told The Hutchinson News that the college specifically welcomed people of all races in its enrollment literature in the early 1900's; the college re-affirmed its stance in 1921 — when the Ku Klux Klan was active — by stating blacks were welcome.

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Parrott, however, remained optimistic and said the approval may help pass the funds for Cooper Hall. He applauded Dole's insistence in keeping the Sterling College amendment in the original bill, despite criticism across the nation because the move helped stall it.

"The tenacity on Dole's part to stand up for Kansas and come through with this (has helped) those who have been having trouble with it to come around and be more favorable towards it," Parrott said. "It's far from a done deal though, because it has to go through the House and the appropriations process."

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Dole revives hope for Sterling funds

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Dole pans Clinton's bus tour

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A bus caravan aimed at drumming up support for President Clinton's health reform plan around the country already is obsolete and ought to be canceled, Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole said Friday.

The caravan, which began Friday in Portland, Ore., with Kansas stops planned in Salina and Topeka, is being staged by a pro-Clinton group called Health Security Express.

"They ought to terminate what has been referred to as the 'pony express' because the president's plan is no longer out there," said Dole, R-Kan.

Thursday's announcement by Democratic congressional leaders that they intended to fashion a new health reform plan indicates that Clinton's proposal is dead, Dole said.

"I think the American people ought to be rebelling when these buses go through, and say, 'We want to slow down this engine and find out how much it's going to cost and who's going to pay for it,'" Dole told reporters in a weekly conference call.

Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, wouldn't provide details of the new Democratic plan but said it would involve "different approaches to achieve the same objectives" as the president. But Mitchell said it would be less bureaucratic.

Dole said Mitchell's task will be difficult and one with huge political implications as the midterm elections approach.

"What he has to do is cobble something together where he can get 51 votes (to pass the Senate)," Dole said. "That's their strategy, to somehow get the American people to believe a Democratic Congress and Democratic president are getting things done."

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Sterling College hall in line for money

Cash removed from black-college bill

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