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CARTER'S GRIN HIS ONLY COMMENT ON TOUGH ISSUES, DOLE CHARGES

ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS--"Jimmy Carter is trying to use his smile to avoid taking a stand on the controversial issues and to hide his big government philosophy," Senator Bob Dole charged Saturday night. Dole also chided, as false harmony, the unity demonstrated at the Democrat Convention, calling the Carter success no great political phenomenon, but rather "an obvious choice from a weak field of candidates."

"Almost everyone acted pleased to have Jimmy Carter as their nominee," Dole said.

"Actually they weren't so glad it was Jimmy Carter as they were relieved it wasn't George McGovern again, or Sargent Shriver, or Fred Harris, or Shapp, or Wallace, or Church, or Bayh, or Udall, or Sanford. That's quite a list of candidates when you think about it. The fact that Jimmy Carter wasn't any of the other people on that list was by far his greatest political asset."

Dole alleged that the Democrats have been voting with their eyes closed and their fingers crossed all year. "They don't want to hear what their candidate says on specific issues for fear the same old liberal positions will be espoused which led to defeat in 49 of fifty states in 1972. After looking at the selection for Vice President and the Democrat platform, their fear is justified.

"All through spring and early summer, Democrats jumped at the chance to vote for someone they knew nothing about rather than any of the candidates they knew so much about and liked so little. It is no accident that Jimmy Carter's two most prominent and resounding defeats -- Maryland and California -- came at the hands of the one candidate about whom Democrats knew even less than they know about Jimmy Carter.

"He has avoided the tough questions on issues such as busing, defense, abortion -- which implies he doesn't agree with the majority of Americans on these issues. He calls for government reform but won't give any specifics and readily admits that his reform would not reduce the bureaucracy. He calls for less spending and then embraces federal programs in a platform which, if implemented, could increase spending \$100 billion the first year. He runs on an anti-Washington theme but proposes programs which will only hasten the centralization of power in Washington and add a million more snarls to the bureaucratic red tape."

Dole predicted Republican success in November alleging that the Democrat deception won't work. "The American public is too perceptive -- too intent on real change to fall for the rhetoric."