

# ★ CAMPAIGN AMERICA ★

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## DOLE FORMS POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE -- "CAMPAIGN AMERICA"

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole today announced the formation of CAMPAIGN AMERICA, a political action committee established to assist the campaigns of Republican candidates for federal, state and local offices. CAMPAIGN AMERICA, described by Dole as a voluntary, non-profit, unincorporated, political association, registered with the Federal Election Commission on Friday, February 24.

"I have often discussed the need to help strengthen and broaden the Republican Party and to assist Republican candidates at all levels", Senator Dole said. "One way I have done this is by speaking on behalf of candidates and at Party fund-raising events around the country. During these travels, I have found that many candidates, primarily at state or local levels, who really need assistance do not share in fund-raising activities so are unable to pay the cost of travel and related expenses. The formation of a political action committee will ease these problems."

Congressman Charles E. Wiggins (R-Calif.) will serve as Chairman of CAMPAIGN AMERICA and Senator Dole as Honorary Chairman. Other members of the advisory board at this time include:

Mr. Alex M. Armendaris, of South Bend, Indiana. Director of his own market research firm in Washington, D. C. Served as Director, Office of Minority Business Enterprise, U. S. Department of Commerce, until January 1977. Prior to holding that position, served on President's Advisory Council on Minority Business Enterprise.

Mrs. Constance Armitage, of Spartanburg, South Carolina. Served as Chairman, National Federation of Republican Women, from 1972-1975, and was director of women's activities, Citizens for Reagan, in 1975-76. Presently a Professor at Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Miss Carolyn Booth, of San Diego, California. Chairman of the Youth for Ford organization in 1975-76.

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Mrs. Mary Brooks, of Sun Valley, Idaho. Served as Assistant Chairman of the Republican National Committee from 1964-69, and as Director of the Bureau of the Mint from 1969-77. Presently Special Consultant to Paramount International Coin Company, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Jordan L. Haines, President of Fourth National Bank, Wichita, Kansas.

Mr. George W. Haley, Attorney, of Washington, D. C. Native of Kansas City, Kansas; former State Senator (1964-68); Chief Counsel, Urban Mass Transportation Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation (appointed in 1969); and General Counsel and Congressional Liaison Officer, U. S. Information Agency (until July 1977).

Dr. Myron B. Kuropas, of Chicago, Illinois. Former Special Assistant to President Ford for Ethnic Affairs, and Regional Director of ACTION in Chicago. Presently Principal of Clinton Rosetta High School, DeKalb, Illinois.

Mr. Alexander M. Lankler, Attorney, of Washington, D. C. Former Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee of Maryland.

The Honorable William Miller, of Buffalo, New York. Former Member of Congress, Chairman of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee, Chairman of the Republican National Committee, and Republican candidate for Vice President in 1964.

Mr. Jack F. Mueller, of Cheyenne, Wyoming. Immediate past Chairman, Young Republican National Federation (1975-77), presently with the Wyoming State Board of Education.

Mrs. Francine Neff, of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Served as Treasurer of the United States from 1974-77, and concurrently as National Director, U.S. Savings Bond Division, U.S. Department of the Treasury. Now serving as Vice President, Rio Grande Valley Bank, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Mr. John Sears, Attorney, of Washington, D.C. Former Chairman of Citizens for Reagan campaign in 1975-76.

Paul A. Russo, campaign assistant to Ronald Reagan in 1975-76 and to Senator Dole in the 1976 Vice Presidential campaign, will serve as Executive Director and Treasurer. David Keene, a Washington lawyer, and former Southern Coordinator for Citizens for Reagan, will be General Counsel.

Dole noted the committee will be financed entirely by voluntary contributions which will be expended to assist candidates. Senator Dole will receive no income from the committee.

Senator Dole stressed that CAMPAIGN AMERICA is "not a Presidential committee, and has not been formed to support any one, single candidacy, but rather many candidates. After all requirements regarding numbers of contributors have been met, CAMPAIGN AMERICA will be a multicandidate political action committee, as required under regulations of the Federal Election Commission."

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