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AB HERMANN, FORMER REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HONORED AT LUNCHEON

WASHINGTON -- Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) today hosted a luncheon in honor of Albert B. "Ab" Hermann, former Republican National Committee executive director and longtime Republican organizer.

Hermann is a native of New Jersey. He was a graduate of Colgate University, where he was named an All-America athlete in two sports and was president of his class. His athletic career continued after graduation, as he played professional baseball for nine years with the Boston Braves, under coach Casey Stengel.

Upon retirement from baseball, Hermann became active in the political arena, organizing the Young Republicans in New Jersey, where he ran 13 successful statewide campaigns for governors and U.S. senators.

He joined the staff of the Republican National Committee in 1949 and served as executive director, campaign manager, director of the Speakers Bureau and counsellor to the chairman. For his continued and constant support of Republican causes, he became known as a "Man for all Seasons."

Present and former Republican National Chairmen attending the luncheon:

Bill Brock (1977-present), Mrs. Mary Louise Smith (1974-1977), George Bush (1973-1974), Ray Bliss (1965-1969), Dean Burch (1964-1965), William A. Miller (1961-1964), Thruston Morton (1959-1961), Meade Alcorn (1957-1959), Leonard W. Hall (1953-1957), Hugh Scott (1948-1949) and Herbert Brownell Jr. (1944-1946). The only one unable to attend because of other commitments is Rogers C.B. Morton, chairman from 1969-1971.

Also attending was Fred Scribner of Maine, former general counsel to the RNC.

Also in attendance were Mrs. Ab (Sylvia) Hermann; the Hermanns' daughters, JoAnne Emerson and Ellen Warfield; and son-in-law Bill Warfield.

The luncheon was in S-124 of the Capitol.