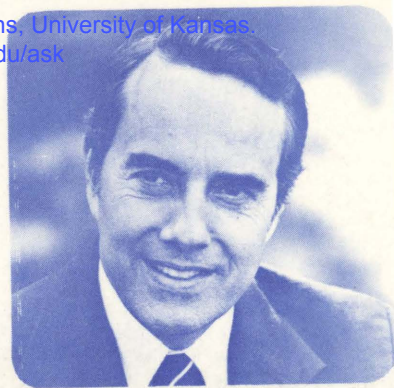


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DOLE URGES BUSH AND REAGAN COMMITTEES TO ALLOW OTHER CANDIDATES TO
DEBATE SATURDAY

WASHINGTON-- Senator Bob Dole, upon being officially notified by the Federal Election Commission that the Reagan and Bush campaign committees will be sponsoring the now-defunct Nashua Telegraph debate, which was vetoed by the F.E.C. earlier today, has fired off telegrams asking that he be included in the forum.

Dole, who initiated the original F.E.C. complaint on Tuesday, says the Reagan and Bush committees "apparently intend to violate the spirit of the F.E.C. decision."

In his telegram to the Reagan and Bush campaigns, Dole asked that the newly constituted debate "be opened to all Republicans, in the interest of fairness and for the good of the Republican Party."

The Kansas Republican offered to have his campaign committee pay for his share of the debate.

"We all agreed that the real winner of the League of Women Voters forum last night was the Republican Party," said Dole to his rivals for the GOP nomination. "By including all of the candidates, you could assure that that will again be the case in Nashua on Saturday night."