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'America Provides Home for Exiles': Sen. Dole

Sen. Bob Dole, Russell, likened 200 members of Masonic orders and guests to the "Silent Majority" while speaking at dedication ceremonies of Russell's Masonic Hall here Tuesday evening. "The future of the nation depends and rests in a large part on what we do as members of the Silent Majority," he stated.

The member of Russell Lodge No. 177 A.F. & A.M. returned to make the dedication address marking the completion of the eight-year, \$240,000 building at 8th and Main Sts. Carroll C. Arcett, Grand Master of the Kansas Masonic Lodge, was in charge of the ceremony. In the program directed by George Holland, master of the Russell lodge, and local officers.

"We live in a land that provides asylum for the persecuted and a home for exiles," Dole said. "Masons throughout America have made our nation a shining example to the world. I believe liberty is the life of Masonry. It is our duty as Masons not to let enemies of freedom grow in our country."

"Masons must not let their flag to the tree of Liberty," Dole said. "Our belief in God creates the duty of faith and tolerance."

Dole said he strongly believes in right to disagree, dissent and oppose American policy "but, as members of the Silent Majority, there are limits to which we must hold."

"There's a small minority devoted to the destruction of America as we know it," Dole charged. "I say 'no' to the flag burners, to those who carry the Viet Cong flag, those who spit on the president and who call American leaders 'pig'."

There are limits on what we must tolerate. "Most Americans, white or black, are men of dignity. I challenge Masons to give them a helping hand," Dole stated. "I hope to see that this hall being dedicated tonight continues to inspire the community. Our daily lives are a billboard for Masonry. Let our dedication be taken with the same degree of sincerity that we render to our state and our nation," Dole stated.

Annett, head of 420 Masonic lodges in Kansas, was assisted in the rites by H. Jackson Stinson, St. John, deputy grand master; Scott E. Kelsey, Topeka, acting grand senior warden; Robert D. Caplinger, Birmingham, grand junior warden; Max P. Horn, Russell, acting grand treasurer; Charles S. McGinness, Topeka, grand secretary; Tom Greenwood, Russell, acting grand chaplain; Richard D. Kelsey, Topeka, grand senior deacon; Walter H. Berger, Scandia, grand junior deacon; E. Edward Cole, Lindborg, acting grand marshal; Kenneth Humphrey, Topeka, acting grand sword bearer; James E. Beesley, Dighton, grand senior steward; Glenn Becker, Russell, acting grand junior steward; Henry Post, Paradise, acting grand pursuivant, and Fred E. Pechin, Topeka, grand tyler.

Holland gave the address to the grand master and Dr. M. E. E. Schulz, building committee member presented the working tools in recognition of the completion of the lodge. He served as principal architect in the dedication ceremony. Others taking part were W. R. Shaffer, Russell, light of Masonry, Ernest Strecker, Paradise, the constitution, and Clarence Wilhelm, Carl McCord, Edwin Olson

and Bruce Colhour, the symbolic lodge. L. Waldo Banker told of the 93-year history of the Russell lodge and recognized the four 50-year members: Banker, M. G. Gregwire, Billy Magg and J. D. Steinhilber.

Officers of the Russell Lodge taking part included: Holland, master; Dan Dawson, senior warden; E. A. Spencer, junior warden; Olson, treasurer; L. W. Stambaugh, secretary; Greenwood, chaplain; B. L. Schulz, senior deacon; C. R. Drayson, junior deacon; Fred Erwin, senior steward; Bob Cook, junior steward and Doran DeWald, tyler. In addition to James W. Cleland, Wakeney, district deputy grand master 53rd district, district deputies attending included Herman A. Panzer, Lincoln, Nigel Walden, Haxie and E. Edward Cole, Lindborg. Past grand master included Henry S. Buzick, McGinniss, Kelsey and William E. Bradford. E. E. Stockbrand, member of the grand officers' reports committee, also attended.

Carol Anderson, Russell High School vocal music director, sang "The Ole in the dedication rites and a solo, "Bless This House." Following the dedication, refreshments were served by members of the Order of Eastern Star.

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Senator listens over the coffee cups

By KAREN LAMBERT

Sen. Bob Dole held a coffee klatch in Salina Thursday, knowing beforehand that his guests would be more interested in spouting than sipping.

His guests were his constituents, to whom Sen. Dole had extended a come-one-come-all invitation so he could listen to problems, concerns and hopes.

About 55 persons responded, visiting their senator singly, in pairs and groups during the coffee at the Hilton Inn. "I'm not running for anything until 1974," Dole said. "Today, I just came to listen."

Listen he did, during a scheduled 2-hour visit that stretched about 45 minutes beyond that. His visitors ranged from women who said they had "come to learn" and mothers seeking help for their sons in military service to a group of 18 Salina and Dickinson county farmers seeking his support for the coalition farm bill. ("I didn't know we had that many farmers left," Dole joked.)

Smiling, hailing, greeting and listening in the style that made him famous as a campaigner, the senator found time for everyone.

In similar visits throughout the state this week, he said he had talked with about 1000 persons, most of them worried about inflation, the war and personal problems.

In Salina, farmers, a university professor, and representatives of community action groups, veterans and minority groups sought, and received, his attention.

There was Kansas Wesleyan professor Wes Jackson, asking for federal funding to boost KW's experimental curriculum in survival studies. Dole promised he would look into it.

There was Ed Montgomery, representing the Black American Citizens Organization of Salina, which is joining other groups across the nation in

recognition for Martin Luther King by declaring his birthday a national holiday.

Just 'Hello'

There was Mrs. D. W. McGee, 315 W. Ellsworth. Her daughter, Mary, worked for the senator last summer in Washington, and she wanted to say hello. Mrs. Frank Crowl, 820 S. Santa Fe, wanted to thank Dole for the help he gave to Salina tour groups on their Washington visits.

A Manchester man, R. S. Ausherman, urged the Senator to support U.S. withdrawal from the U.N., which Ausherman believes is part of the "worldwide Communist conspiracy."

But most of the visitors came to see the man who has consistently said he was a friend and representative of the farmer. The farmers who came, about 30 of them in several groups, sought Dole's support for a farm program, which, as Bavaria farmer Cyril Habiger said, "will let us make a living."

The 1965 farm bill expires this year, and Dole said new farm legislation would probably be presented soon after Congress convenes.

A coalition of 23 national organizations is supporting a bill that, in general, would extend the provisions of the present

law including price support loans and the certificate program. One major farm group, the American Farm Bureau Federation supports legislation for land retirement programs and eventually phasing out of bases and acreage allotments.

No commitment

Dole's farm visitors Thursday sought his support for the coalition bill, but he made no commitment.

"I am not, and I have not, sponsored a Farm Bureau bill, or a coalition bill, and I do not want to choose sides in farm politics," he said. "The (Senate Agriculture) committee is going to hear all the bills and then try to put together the best possible thing for the farmer."

He said he had not seen any legislation and did not know what would be in proposed bills. He did say that, since he voted for the 1965 act, "I guess you could say I support some of the points in the coalition bill. But other farmers are telling me that isn't enough."

He said that generally, the committee would have to sponsor a bill offering farmers full parity or a bushel allotment. Wheat exports need to be increased, but Dole said other countries are beginning to produce enough wheat for their needs.

"We don't have any magic wand with a pat solution," he said. "Whether you want to or not, you are going to have to place your confidence in the committee. We are going to try to serve all the farmers."

He said there would not be a "Hardin program" fully endorsed by Agriculture Secretary Clifford Hardin.

"Hardin is working with the Congress, working in cooperation with men who represent farmers," he said. "The farm program is not going to represent any particular philosophy, but the best interest of all farmers."

Although the farm group did not get the commitment it was seeking, Habiger said after the meeting he was "encouraged." Sen. Dole is interested in any bill that will allow farmers to make a living. That's what we're interested in too."

Dole said he planned to have more sessions with constituents across the state during future Congressional recesses.

"It's pretty difficult to represent the people until you talk to them," he said. "We need to get away from the political atmosphere, so people can just come and talk to us."

Sen. Dole left Salina to attend a luncheon in Junction City. He also was to stop in Lawrence and Manhattan Thursday before spending the night in Kansas

City. His administrative aide, Bill Frazier, said Dole probably will return to Washington Friday.

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Russell Thanked Via Sen. Bob Dole

Sen. Bob Dole said today that people of Bay St. Louis, Miss., are appreciative of the help from people of Russell. The Kansas senator recently visited the Gulf Coast town which was in the path of hurricane Camille.

"I personally talked with three men who wanted me to express my thanks in person to those in the Russell area who so generously responded in time of need," Dole wrote. "They were Mayor Warren Carver, Commissioner Andre Arceneaux and Commissioner W. Fribble."

"The devastation all along the Gulf Coast is almost unbelievable and the Bay St. Louis area was the most in the center of the storm," Dole stated. "Progress has been made in the past six months and thus far \$173 million in federal money has been committed to that area. There is still much to be done but I did want you to know that they most sincerely appreciated everything."

Following the hurricane last August, Russell volunteers contributed more than \$1,000 in a special emergency fund which was sent to Mayor Carver. The money was to

be used directly for emergency aid to stricken residents and to bypass red tape which often delays help when it is needed most.

In December, the City Slickers 4-H Club sponsored an area caroling and gift party for young people. Each was asked to bring a gift valued at \$1 or less, wrapped and labeled with the name and age of the donor. The presents were sent to Bay St. Louis where they were distributed to children in the Christmas spirit of giving to others.

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Russell Bids for U.S. Mint; In Hands of Dole, Sebelius

Russell today placed a bid as site for the U.S. Mint, now located in Denver, in the hands of Sen. Bob Dole and Congressman Keith Sebelius. A telegram, signed by Mayor Roger Williams, Chamber of Commerce President Henry Pohlman and Industrial Committee Chairman Tony Witt stated:

"We understand Denver does not have enough room for the United States Mint and since Russell

can offer most any amount of acreage, we would desire to be considered number one for the location of the United States Mint. Do it in Russell."

Tongue-in-cheek or not, the offer is genuine. Word of the Denver's problems with the federal agency was brought to Mayor Williams' attention this morning by Gayle DeVore who learned of the situation from articles about the problem recently in Denver newspapers. The mint, according to Denver stories, needs to expand and there is no room available on its three-acre downtown location. In addition, the reports continue, Denverites are not sure they want the federal unit to remain in their city.

Mayor Williams pointed to ample room for the mint in Russell, Kan., ideal climatic conditions as compared to Denver's smog, a supply of labor even more willing in view of the type of work proposed and a city willing to serve as home for the governmental unit.

"We're not even asking that they bring their own money, but it would help if they did," Williams said.

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Dole Reinforces Belief in Nixon

STILLWATER, Okla. (UPI) — Payne County Republicans had their belief in the Nixon administration reinforced Friday night by U.S. Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas. He spoke to a meeting of the Republican Central Committee.

"The president outlined the priorities for the 70s in his state of the union message," Dole said, "and among them are the high cost of defense and education and legislation for pollution, hunger, malnutrition and crime."

He said the "trust" of the administration has been in one multifaceted direction: reform, outlining major achievements:

The free Vietnam forces are being strengthened while American troop strength has decreased. The nuclear non-proliferation treaty has been ratified and the strategic arms limitation talks underway.

The first step has been taken toward an equitable credit policy.

A new welfare concept has been developed which recognizes work and preserves human dignity.

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Dole Asks for Budget Increase

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., today asked for an increase in the 1971 proposed budget for Water District and Farm Ownership loans.

In a letter to Clifford M. Hardin, Agriculture Secretary, Dole said that in order for the state of Kansas to work toward President Nixon's announced goal of halting and reversing the present rural to urban migration, Kansas farmers will need additional financial support from the Farmers Home Administration (FHA).

For the current budget, Kansas received \$1.7 million in FHA loan funds for water districts and sewer developments. Dole said \$1.6 million in cash have been spent for financing the 150 water districts throughout the state since the program's inception seven years ago.

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Dole Assured Attention On Meat Import Quotas

WASHINGTON, D.C.—U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) has received assurance from the Office of the President that the problem of evasion of the meat import quota system is receiving "careful attention."

In a letter to President Nixon, Dole urged the President to issue an executive order prohibiting evasion of the present meat import quota system established under Section 201 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938.

The letter, signed by Dole and 16 other senators, stated: Last year a practice grew up within the trade, of shipping meat from Australia and New Zealand to Canada, and then transshipping it across the border into this country. The purpose of this practice, of course, was to gain the profit from selling quantities of meat in this market over and above the established quotas.

"It is our further understanding that the practice is still continuing and that about one million pounds of meat has been coming across our borders in this manner per

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Dole Leading Fight On Farm Fund Cut

WASHINGTON—A campaign has developed among farm belt congressmen to force the Nixon administration to backtrack on a budget-tightening decision cancel-

ing advance payments to farmers this year for idling extra land from livestock feed production. The advance payments, made annually since 1961, have ranged up to about \$400 million a year.

Farmers collected the money each spring after agreeing to take additional acres of livestock feed grains, mostly corn and sorghum, out of production. The advance payments provide funds to farmers at planting time when crop income is low.

Sen. Robert J. Dole, R-Kan., whose farm constituents were advanced nearly \$9.5 million last year under the program, is a leader of the budding effort to get an administration reversal.

Sen. Dole told a reporter he has drafted a letter to Agriculture Secretary Clifford M. Hardin expressing "great disappointment" on behalf of farmers over the payment decision and urging the secretary to reverse the action.

Sen. Dole said he was certain he would be joined by other farm area members of both parties when Congress reconvenes Jan. 19.

Hardin announced at a Dec. 29 news conference no advance payments would be made. "We do not anticipate any reaction," he said then.

Farmers Object

A number of farm spokesmen, however, later objected. The National Farmers Union said withholding advance payments would force farmers to borrow money at high interest rates to pay for spring planting and other operations.

The feed grains program is the most costly of the government agricultural payment plans, accounting for nearly half of the yearly total of \$3.5 billion in payments.

Sources say Hardin wanted to make the advance money available as usual but was overruled by White House budget planners who insisted Agriculture Department spending be held back as much as possible during the current fiscal year.

The elimination of advance payments also has some appeal for urban members of Congress who want more antipollution and food money for their areas and recent big spending programs in agriculture.

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