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Ford Picks Bob Dole

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UPI)—President Ford Thursday chose Sen. Robert Dole of Kansas, a tough political fighter who served as Republican national chairman, to be his running mate.

Ford, introducing Dole at a nationally broadcast news conference, said he had known the World War II hero from Kansas "a great many years . . . Bob Dole has been a team player. Bob Dole's philosophy and mine coincide almost identically."

Dole, smiling as he stood beside the President, said "I'm realistic. I know there's a lot of work to be done between now and November. I'm not sure what I can add to the ticket . . . but I'll work hard."

"I did not expect to receive a phone call this morning, but I'm very glad we were in," Dole said. "I've known President Ford from the time I could call him Jerry."

The selection of Dole, 53, a tough political fighter who can take it as well as dish it out, ended days of speculation in which as many as two dozen names were rumored. Dole served as temporary chairman of the 1976 Republican National Convention.

Carlson Surprised But Happy

CONCORDIA (UPI)—Former Kansas Sen. Frank Carlson was surprised Thursday to learn that President Ford selected Carlson's Senate successor as the GOP vice presidential candidate.

Dole won the seat in 1970 when Carlson stepped down following 18 years in the Senate.

"Is that right," said Carlson when notified by UPI of Ford's selection. "I hadn't heard the news. I just came from the farm. That's just great."

"With his background, both state and national, he is an excellent choice," said Carlson. "Of course he served in the House while I was in the Senate, so we have worked together for Kansas for a long time."

Carlson said he had never discussed the vice presidential possibility with Dole even though the Russell native had been mentioned as in the running should Ford win the GOP nomination.

"No, I haven't talked to him," said Carlson. "I was in Washington two weeks ago and had lunch with him, but that never came up. I just haven't discussed it with him."

Kansas had had only one resident serve as vice president. "That gets back to the Charley Curtis history," said Carlson. "He was a vice president from Kansas (Topeka), with Hoover."

Dole served in World War II and was highly decorated. He suffered severe wounds and was hospitalized for 39 months. His right arm was left crippled.

Dole, in his second Senate term after having served four terms in the House, was Republican national chairman under Richard Nixon from 1971-73.

Dole was divorced and in December married Mary Elizabeth Hanford, a member of the Federal Trade Commission. Dole has a daughter, Robin.

Earlier, Ronald Reagan, the vanquished presidential candidate with whom Ford had conferred early today about the vice presidency, again had said he

Absolutely was not interested in the second slot.

The choice of Dole was surprising because he comes from a Midwest state that traditionally has been Republican.

Dole's close identification with Richard Nixon and the fact he headed the national party at the time of the Watergate break-in are considered major reasons he nearly lost his Senate seat in 1973.

One Capitol Hill observer joked, "If you like Dick Nixon, you'll love Bob Dole."—and Dole barely defeated former Rep. William Roy, D-Kan., by 13,532 votes of 794,437 votes cast.

Before he publicly made the announcement, Ford telephoned the others who had been seriously considered and told them he had decided on Dole.

Politics Aside, Dole Choice Pleasing to Area Residents

Regardless of politics, Russell and Russell County residents are proud and pleased that U.S. Sen. Robert J. "Bob" Dole has been selected by President Gerald Ford as Ford's running mate.

The Russell Daily News con-

tacted a few residents shortly after it was announced nationally that Sen. Dole had been selected. Here is what they had to say:

Mrs. John D. Ehrlich, Russell County GOP chairperson—"I'm thrilled beyond words. President Ford has a wonderful running mate. Bob Dole is one of the finest men in Congress."

John Brown, Gorham, banker—"I am pleased, and proud."

Morris F. Krug, Russell, former Russell County GOP chairman—"I think it is great. If Ford is elected it certainly will give the Midwest a stronger voice in government, and that is good."

John A. O'Leary, Sr., Luray, banker—"This is one of the greatest honors ever to come to Russell County."

Richard M. Driscoll, Russell, attorney, Russell County Democratic chairman—"I think it is fine. I've known Bob almost since childhood. I think he is well qualified for the office, and will make a good running mate for President Ford. I don't think the Republicans are going to win, but Ford couldn't have picked any one any more qualified. You know that the odds are already three to one against them in the fall."

Herbert Rogg, Russell, state representative—"I think it is great for Bob. It's great for Russell, and Russell County, and it's great for Kansas."

Bloodmobile Here On Wednesday
The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will visit Russell from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25, at the City Building.

During the past few years Russell has fallen short of its quota of 100 pints on each visitation. Should an emergency arise the local community would fall short of the necessary blood needed.

New donors are needed. Anyone between the ages of 17 and 65 (in good health) is asked to give blood at the next visitation.

Chairman for the August visit is Troy Anderson. Co-chairman is Josie Sellers.



PRESIDENTIAL ESCORT—President Gerald R. Ford stands with the vice presidential candidate's mother waiting. Senator Robert Dole has center stage for photographers in this suspenseful moment—where is the door key? Mrs. Mary Eliza-

beth Dole, a bride of less than a year, solves the problem of how to enter. Just below the broad brick steps is a rubber matting which reads: "Welcome to the Home of the Doles."

(Photograph Courtesy of Mrs. Bina Dole)

Doles Home From Convention

By PAULINE STURGEON

Sen. Robert Dole's family is back from the Republican convention and full of anecdotes and reminiscences—thrilled with his nomination for vice president and with the visit of President Gerald Ford to Russell.

"You saw more of the convention on television than we did," said Norma Jean's husband, Tom Steele. The Steeles live in Wichita and would be leaving Sunday. Gloria had already gone to Ft. Morgan, Colo.

Norma Jean was leaving shortly for the home of Mrs. Edwin Rein, to have a get-together with old friends. Mrs. Bina Dole, mother of the senator, and the Steeles' youngest son, Joseph Steele, were present with the

senator's brother, Kenny Dole, and his wife Anita.

They were telling how Norma Jean had encountered Henry Kissinger and said: "Hi, Henry!" and he shook hands with her. "I wonder what she would have done if he had replied: Hi, Norma Jean!" her husband said.

Kenny and Anita were about to go out a door when they were held back. The door opened and Reagan and his wife Nancy came in. The two couples shook hands. "Maybe they thought we were on a reception committee!" Kenny joked.

The family didn't get direct word from Bob on his contact from the President. The senator himself stumbled onto an elevator with a sole passenger, a girl,

If she was a reporter, she had a scoop, for he said: "You can't guess where I'm going—to breakfast with the President!"

His mother regrets that his father couldn't have been here to enjoy it all. Doran Dole's birthday would have been the 18th of August, and the nomination came on the 19th.

When the news spread through the Kansas delegation, it was "one of the ways" the family learned, although they had had "inkings"—reporters had said Sen. Dole was one of three being considered.

The story of the door key was a local tidbit about how the President of the United States was kept waiting. Tom Steele was gone with the car keys, with the door-

key on that ring. Mrs. Bina Dole kept an extra key hidden for she has locked herself out at times. So she sometimes hung the extra key inside the honeysuckle bush. But someone else had been there to let somebody in—the place has been swarming with visitors and press people—and when they put it back it must have fallen to the ground. Bob's wife, Mary Elizabeth, did the searching and found it.

This could have happened to anybody, but it isn't every day a person is told to get in the Presidential car to be taken home. Mrs. Dole went to the car and a secret service man came rushing down and pushed her away.

"Don't let them push you around like that!" Said somebody who knew her.

Said Mrs. Dole: "They're taking care of them. That's what I want them to do." But at the thought that her son might attain vice president, then president in the election four years hence, she doesn't know: The secret service men do symbolize the danger the heads of state are in all the time.

Kenny told a story heard in a delegates' caucus. A man from Florida told how, learning that Bob had a \$50,000 campaign deficit, sent a contribution of \$1,000. By the time it was received, Bob's loss had been made up and anyhow, he thought he should get his support from the state he was representing. He told his secretary to send it back. "It's the

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PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD AND SEN. BOB DOLE WAVE TO CROWDS AS 1976 REPUBLICAN TEAM KICKS OFF CAMPAIGN FRIDAY IN RUSSELL.

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