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Dole Telephones Sequence of Events

Vice-presidential candidate Sen. Bob Dole, Russell, called here Sunday night to express his sincere thanks for the "Bob Dole Homecoming Day" Friday which featured Dole and President Gerald Ford in a one-hour noon visit. Over 10,000 people saw the Republican candidates and heard the President deliver a major farm policy statement from a platform on the courthouse lawn.

President Ford said that there will be no more grain embargoes; there will be tax relief for the middle income group "which has been short-changed over the past several years," and the "farmers in America must get fair prices in a free market."

"We'll never make the production of the hard work of farmers a

pawn in international diplomacy," President Ford said here.

Dole said Sunday that there is no way he can adequately thank his friends in Russell for being such fine hosts Friday. "I can't even say how much it means to me," the senator stated.

After appearing on the CBS nationally televised program Sunday, "Face the Nation," Dole said his program for the week is flexible and is being changed rapidly.

At 1 p.m. Monday, he has a briefing session on national security with George Bush, head of the CIA. Monday morning, Dole admitted, was a less-pleasing prospect. He had an appointment with his dentist.

Originally scheduled to meet with President Ford in Vail, Colo., Tuesday, Dole said Sunday that he may, instead, go to Seattle, Wash., to appear before the national American Legion convention.

Plans are being made for Dole to appear at the Iowa State Fair Thursday before going to Vail, Colo., late Thursday or Friday to plan the campaign.

In Seattle and Des Moines, Democrat presidential candidate, Jimmy Carter, is expected to precede Dole in platform appearances. The Iowa trip depends on whether or not Carter is scheduled in Des Moines.

"President Ford thoroughly enjoyed his visit to Russell," Dole said. "He had a good time."

Dole added that the President is essentially the same person he was when he visited Dodge City as a senator and Wichita as vice-president.

The senator said that after reaching Salina by helicopter Friday, he attended a reception there. Later Friday, Sen. Dole and his wife, Elizabeth, returned to Kansas City and from there to Washington on commercial flights. His daughter, Robin, stayed in Kansas where she is spending several days with her mother, Mrs. Lon Buzick, Sylvan Grove.

"I talked with Dr. H. Kalkian in Chicago Sunday," Dole said. "He told me he was ready to quit medical practice and start campaigning."

Dr. Kalkian is the surgeon who repaired Dole's shoulder and arm damaged in World War II. At that time, in 1947, Russell residents raised \$5,000 for Dole. The money went for hospital costs. Dr. Kalkian did not charge Dole a fee for surgical services.

Dole added that he arrived in Kansas City early enough Friday to see his hometown on the three major television network news programs.

Mrs. Dole, the senator said Sunday, had a two-hour interview with people from People Magazine.

Bombshell Hits Russell

The nomination of Sen. Bob Dole as running mate with Gerald Ford on the 1976 Republican party ticket struck Russell like a bombshell — although it has been rumored for several days that the 53-year-old Russell man was among the top contenders being studied in the Ford political camp.

Bob Dole was born in Russell July 22, 1923, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Doran R. Dole, 1035 Maple St. He attended Russell schools and was graduated from Russell High School where he was an outstanding athlete.

His mother, Mrs. Bina Dole, still lives in Russell. His father, Doran, died Dec. 9, 1975. A brother, Kenneth, 51, 123 E. Jewell St., is active in oil leasing.

A sister, Mrs. Gloria Nelson, 55, wife of Larry Nelson, lives in Ft. Morgan, Colo. Another sister, Mrs. Norma Jean Steele, 50, wife of Tom Steele, Derby, Kan., is in Kansas City with others of the Dole family.

Dole is the father of Robin Dole, who is in Kansas City for the convention as is Dole's wife, Elizabeth, a Federal Trade Commission member.

Aunts and uncles of Dole on his father's side are Mrs. Carl Friesen, Russell, Mrs. Ethel Crissman, St. John, Kan., and Floyd Dole, Lafayette, Calif. On his mother's side, living in Russell are aunts Mrs. Marvin Staley,

Russell, and Mrs. Johnny Schmitt, Gorb, and an uncle, Fred Talbot.

The senator was born in a home at 10th and Maple Sts. which was razed about a year ago. In his youth, he carried a Russell Record paper route, worked at Dawson's Drug store, and assisted his father in the operation of a creamery, feed, and seed business. Dole's father operated a cafe in Russell after returning from World War I and before opening the cream station. In later years, Doran Dole was manager of the Norris Grain Company elevator in Russell for many years. After that business changed hands, the senior Dole was employed at AGCO, Inc., former competitor in the grain and farm supply business.

In high school, Dole was a good scholar and active in both basketball and football.

Sen. Dole attended The University of Kansas following graduation from high school. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1943 and served five and one-half years in World War II in the United States and in Italy.

While in Italy, he was wounded twice and decorated for heroic achievement. It was in Italy that he was seriously injured while carrying an injured companion to a first aid station. The shell which killed the man Dole was carrying, also hit Dole in the right shoulder and upper arm.

After being hospitalized for 39 months, he was released from military service.

It was during his extended illness, when his medical condition seemed hopeless, that he learned of Dr. Kalkian in Chicago.

A public subscription, entirely spontaneous, raised enough money for Dole to go to Chicago where he underwent surgery and started his return to good health. The only visible result of his war wound is a shortened right arm which is of extremely limited use.

After being rehabilitated in a long hospital stay, he met and married the former Phyllis Holden, a physical therapist from New Hampshire. When Dole returned to college at the University of Arizona, Phyllis took notes

for Bob and later, at Washburn University, where Dole completed law school, she wrote his final examinations.

"If I fail," Dole told his wife, "it will likely be because of your spelling."

Bob and Phyllis are parents of a daughter, Robin, who completed her college degree work a short time ago.

At the age of 26, Dole was elected to the Kansas Legislature. He campaigned while still a law student in Topeka. He served from 1951-53. He served four terms as Russell County Attorney, 1953-61.

It was in 1960 that Dole announced for a Congressional seat and was elected to succeed Wm. Smith. He served in the House from 1961-68, when he was elected to the U.S. Senate seat formerly held by veteran Kansas politician Frank Carlson, Concordia.

In the 1974 election campaign, Dole was National Republican Chairman and steered the national political party around the shoals of Watergate, which was attributed to an entirely separate organization, The Committee for the Re-Election of President Nixon.

Mom Dole Loses Keys

The ticket was less than 24-hours-old and President Ford and vice presidential running mate Sen. Robert Dole, R-Kan., already found themselves on the outside.

Dole took the President to his hometown Friday for a post-convention celebration and while they were there Dole invited Ford to his mother's house.

Bina Dole, the senator's mother, had a few embarrassing moments at the door however, having misplaced her key.

While the President and her son joked she searched the mailbox. But it was Dole's wife, Elizabeth, who finally came to the rescue.

She found a hidden key right where it should be, tucked behind a drainpipe on the front porch.

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Dole's tears

That old bromide, "A strong man doesn't cry," is a cruel untruth. But, no doubt, there are some brutish fathers who are still telling their sons that.

The saying comes to mind because Sen. Bob Dole broke down and cried at his emotional homecoming at Russell Friday.

Some Democrats may try to make capital out of it, as did Sen. Edmund Muskie's foes when he cried in New Hampshire during the Republican primary campaign in 1972.

They ought to think twice if they're tempted.

Actually, it can be convincingly argued that strong men are more apt to cry because they're so secure within themselves that they're not ashamed to reveal their deep

emotions, and tears are the result of many deep emotions. The weaklings, the insecure, the persons incapable of deep emotions such as love and sorrow, don't cry, thinking in a perverted way, that it's "unmanly."

If a person is never moved to tears, that person has never lived fully.

In Dole's case, he had reasons to be moved to tears. In addition to the emotions of coming back to a beloved hometown which had helped him financially and in other ways, he probably was thinking of his father who died last December while in Washington to attend Bob's wedding.

Doran Dole would have been mighty proud of his son Friday.

Bob Dole is briefed

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Robert Dole, the Republican vice presidential candidate, began a series of top-level administration briefings today involving "every area of foreign and domestic policy."

President Ford ordered administration officials to brief Dole.

"The President feels it is more important for me to be briefed immediately since I will be an active spokesman for the administration during the coming months," Dole said in a statement.

CIA director George Bush, Deputy Defense Secretary Robert Ellsworth and William Hyland, Ford's deputy assistant for foreign affairs, arranged to brief Dole today.

Additional briefings by domestic policy and economic advisers were set for Tuesday.

Can Dole bridge Ford-Reagan gap?



Sen. Bob Dole gets assist from wife, Mary Elizabeth, before television appearance. (UPI Photo)

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By IRA R. ALLEN

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Russell, Kansas: The town where the GOP vice presidential nominee, Sen. Bob Dole, grew up, is seven miles south of the 39th degree of latitude and anyone who marches directly east will run into the White House.

But there's half a continent between the brick-paved Main Street and the White House.

There seems to be as wide a gap between the humble, teary-eyed native son who last Friday sobbed in the courthouse square at the generosity of his neighbors 29 years ago and the wisecracking 16-year veteran of Capitol Hill whose wit deprecates both Democrats and himself.

Bob Dole is the one who said of President Ford two years ago, while fighting for re-election to the Senate, that "I was struggling and he threw me an anchor."

Bob Dole is also the man plucked from the lower reaches of the vice presidential guessing list by the same President Ford who made it possible for Dole to return to Russell and weep without shame when he recalled, "When I needed help, the people of Russell helped."

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Dole Says GOP Will Close Gap

Dole 'Workaholic,' Ex-Wife Says, 6A

From Our News Services

WASHINGTON — Sen. Bob Dole, President Ford's vice-presidential running mate, said Sunday he thought the newly formed GOP ticket would soon whittle down Democrat Jimmy Carter's lead of more than 20 percentage points in public opinion polls.

"In my view the polls, instead of being a 23-point spread, will soon show maybe 14 or 15 — which indicates a rather dramatic change in two or three weeks," Dole said in a television interview.

The Kansas senator conceded that he and Ford "have our work cut out for us" in battling Carter and Minnesota Sen. Walter Mondale. But Dole said nothing had been "written off" to the Democrats — even Carter's home region of the South.

Appearing on the CBS program "Face the Nation," Dole said, "The people perceive President Ford as an honest, decent person — we have that big plus for us."

Nonetheless, he said, particularly in view of Ronald Reagan's hard-fought GOP nomination challenge, "You have to confess that we don't have a broad-based party." Gaining support from independents and Democrats will be crucial to winning the election, Dole said.

Dole was asked about the picture widely portrayed of him as a tough political campaigner who might be Ford's "hatchet man" in attacking Carter and Mondale.

THE SENATOR REPLIED, "That comes as a complete surprise to me. I've been aggressive in a partisan sense now and then selectively. But one criticism I've had of the Republican party is we need more spokesmen out on the front lines ... I found myself there even more often than I wanted to be in

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"In fact, I can recall back in another administration (Nixon's) when I was sent a lot of things that they wanted me to repeat and I refused because they were personal attacks on Sen. (Edmund) Muskie and Sen. (Edward) Kennedy and others."

Dole said he could "bridge the gap" between those who supported Ford and those who supported Reagan. He said he could also appeal to the non-Republican majority.

"If I bring anything to the ticket, it's close identification with agriculture, small towns, rural America," he said, "and that would appeal in those areas to Democrats and independents."

Dole said his selection as a running mate for fellow Midwesterner Ford showed that "before you broaden a base you have to shore it up."

Referring to the GOP convention, he said, "It was sort of a frightening thing in a way because there was so much genuine enthusiasm. How do you bridge the gap between those who were strongly for Ford and those who felt strongly about Reagan? And I would guess that those who had a part in the selection process said, 'Well maybe Bob Dole could be the bridge.' I would hope that it was a positive thing, not a negative thing — 'who will do us the least harm?' But I understand that may be a consideration."

IN AN INTERVIEW IN U.S. News & World Report magazine, Dole said Carter's recent comments anticipating personal attacks on him by Dole

"points up an area of vulnerability: his own sensitivity. He is apparently very thin-skinned politically."

"If what I have said is a personal attack, then I don't understand American politics. I say it's democracy in action."

Dole said Republicans during the campaign would "point out the contradictions in Carter's political statements and actions."

Carter, he said, "evidently doesn't want the electorate to know that he's taken at least three positions on right-to-work, two on busing, two on abortion and two on nearly everything. He's a mass of contradictions."

Contending that Carter has not "really been tested," Dole said the former Georgia governor had faced little effective opposition in many Democratic primaries that he won. "We intend to give him that test and point out his weaknesses."

In an interview with Newsweek magazine, Dole was asked whether it would be a "hardball" campaign.

"I have a feeling that though Carter publicly plays softball, he's capable of playing hardball, and we just want him to learn how to catch as well as pitch," he replied.

Dole attended afternoon services with his wife, Elizabeth, at the neo-Gothic Washington Cathedral. "We were married in this church and we thought we'd come back," he said upon entering for the 4 p.m. Evensong service sung by a boys' choir.

"We're Methodists. We were married in an Episcopal church by a Presbyterian minister," he joked. After the 50-minute service, the Doles returned to their Watergate apartment.

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