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### Assails 'confusing semantics'

## Ford hits Carter 'amnesty': Dole



Dole speaking to American Legion delegates.

SEATTLE (AP)—Republican vice presidential nominee Robert Dole said Wednesday that the Ford administration opposes the blanket pardon for Viet Nam War draft dodgers proposed by Democrat Jimmy Carter.

Dole, campaigning on the heels of the Democratic presidential nominee, appeared before the same American Legion national convention at which Carter declared Tuesday, "pardon—yes, amnesty—no" for violators of Selective Service laws.

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MOST OF DOLE'S talk was concerned with defense policy. He told the legion: "This nation can hardly be called extravagant in its defense spending. We have what we need to deter aggression, and under President Ford we will continue to have what we need."

"I say I would rather spend a million dollars, or a billion dollars, to preserve peace, than to expend a single human life to pursue war," Dole said in response to critics of military spending.

Dole, a veteran and Legionnaire who lost the use of his right arm in a World War II battlefield injury, said the Ford administration is also pledged to provide adequate medical care for veterans.

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## Conservative welcome in Russell

By Wade Ward  
Bob Dole brought a friend home for lunch last week—the President of the United States.

The climax to the Republican Convention last week was President Ford naming Sen. Dole as his running mate. Ford and Dole will run against Jimmy Carter and Walter Mondale for the Presidency and Vice-Presidency Nov. 2.

Reaganites attempted Wednesday evening to force Ford to name a running mate, and could not get enough caucus votes to succeed. Ford surprised them the next day by announcing that he had decided on Dole, the junior Senator from Kansas. Previously, contenders for Ford's number two spot were thought to be Sen. Howard Baker or Gov. John Connally of Texas.

When Ford phoned Dole and asked him to be the Republican Vice Presidential nominee, Dole told Ford that there was one stipulation. The first stop on the campaign trail must be Dole's home town of Russell.

So the citizens of Russell had less than 24 hours to prepare for a Presidential visit, and the homecoming of Bob Dole.

Dole was reared in Russell and is remembered as an industrious, scholarly and determined young man. He decided to be a doctor, but his plans were cut short by the advent of World War II. This war cost Dole the use of his right arm, and he switched to studying law.

Dole entered politics in 1951, and served as Russell County attorney for 8 years. He is noted as a campaigner, and is expected to be Ford's major spokesman in the Presidential race.

Dole served as the chairman of the Republican National Committee during 1972, but some feel he was forced out of this post by former president Nixon. Still, Dole was a Nixon supporter, and is well known conservative in the Senate. He married his current wife, Elizabeth, 40, less than a year ago, and she and Dole's daughter Robin, 21, by a previous marriage, are on the campaign trail with him. Elizabeth Dole is a lawyer and a commissioner with the Federal Trade Commission, although she may have to resign the post for the campaign to avoid conflicts of interest.

The last time a president visited Russell was in 1905, when Teddy Roosevelt made a speech from the train depot. The return of Bob Dole and the visit of the President caused a stir understandable only to those residents of a

rural area plunged suddenly into the national limelight. The citizens of Russell were probably close to understanding the feelings of the residents of Plains, GA after Jimmy Carter was chosen as the Democratic Presidential nominee.

The local radio station, KRSL, was broadcasting a live report from the courthouse square.

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drive the next hour and a half down Interstate 70 to Russell and to arrive about 10:30.

As usual, in all affairs concerning important events, the President's party was running late, so a shuttle copter was arranged from the Salina airport to the Russell airport, cutting transit time to 35 minutes.

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posted on the progress of the Presidential entourage. At 11:15 it was announced that Air Force One had landed at Salina and the President would be boarding the helicopter shortly.

By noon, the helicopter landed at the Russell airport, and 15 minutes later the motorcade drew up to the throng. President Ford per-

Dole spoke briefly and emotionally. He did not politic, but instead expressed his gratitude to his home town for the warm reception.

Dole personally knew quite a few of the people in attendance that day, and he reminisced about his life in Russell. When he spoke of the time he was crippled and out of a job after WWII, he suddenly was overcome, and bowed his head and bit a finger to keep from losing control.

Quickly aiding Dole, President Ford stood and applauded, followed by the rest of the stage party. The audience, already standing, followed the ovation.

Then, as quickly as he lost control, Dole regained it, thanked the audience and introduced Ford.

After the applause died, Ford briefly thanked Dole, complimented him and told how he happened to choose him. Immediately the President shifted into his political mode.

"Kansas is a great producer of wheat, of cattle and energy," Ford said. "But it is also a great producer of state senators." He then invoked the names of Dwight Eisenhower, Alf Landon, Senators Frank Carlson and Harry Darby and Rep. Wint Smith. After each name, he had to pause for an ovation.

Ford continued by saying that he had visited Kansas last year. "I was in Great Bend, and I visited Dodge City—and survived!"

After the audience was all warmed up, Ford commenced the campaign. Knowing that the farmers were upset about the wheat embargo with Russia last year, Ford announced that if elected, "There will be no embargos, period."

Ford spoke only 10 minutes. Dole for only 5, and the ceremony was suddenly over. The candidates went through the crowd shaking hands and posing for pictures. After a quick hotdog apiece the entourage repaired to the interior of the courthouse to escape the ninety degree Kansas sun. The courthouse had been taken over by the secret service hours before.

The show was over for Russell, but in only 75 days the candidates would be facing the nation as voters polled their preference for the next President of the United States. And in a small town in middle America, the citizens of Russell would remember the role they played in the campaign for the Presidency and would undoubtedly feel proud of their part in the drama.



square, the scene of the Presidential visit, hours before the events were to happen. Motorists from I-70 were stopping in when they heard the noise on the car radio. The CB's were blaring the news up and down the interstate also. The assemblage of on-lookers had started about 8:00 Friday morning and would reach anywhere from 10,000 to 30,000 by the time of the President's scheduled arrival.

All over Russell, businesses had closed or would close before the President spoke. All along the street home-made banners decorated storefronts with slogans for Ford and Dole.

The crowds lined up for six blocks along the route of the motorcade from the airport to the site of the speech at the Russell County Courthouse.

President Ford and Sen. Dole had decided to fly from the convention at Kansas City to the airport at Salina, and

cluded a free weenie roast with baked beans, potato chips and relish for the guests and the crowd. But by 8:00 Friday, every weenie in Russell was gone from the stores. Parties were dispatched to nearby towns to forage for weenies. The word was to provide for yourself, as there would not be enough to go around.

Meanwhile at the courthouse, the high school band students that were available were formed into an honor band. They had only enough time to work up about four patriotic songs, and were repeating them over and over during the wait for the President. After the band had gotten a hand for "Hail to the Chief", "Anchors Aweigh", "You're a Grand Old Flag", and "America" for the third time, the crowd was getting restless.

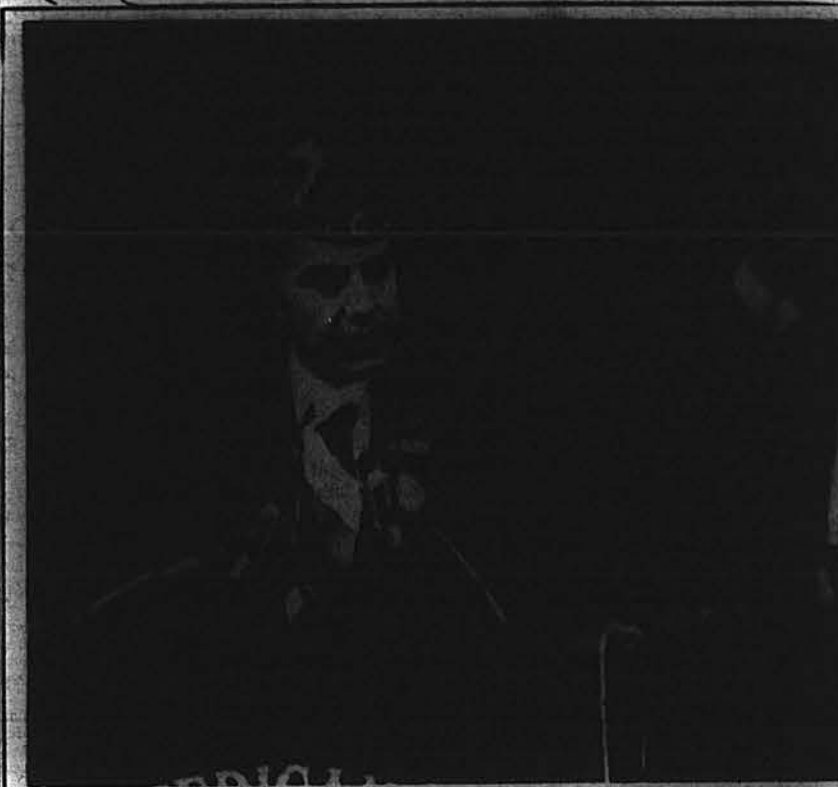
A member of the Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors was keeping the audience

sonally greeted the Russell VFW color guard, presenting arms and extending hands in the middle of the street. The ambulance had just departed with a heart attack victim. The hysteria is hard to convey in writing, but despite the excitement, the crowd was remarkably well controlled.

The honored guests approached the stage area, in the midst of shade trees. The photographers in the press section were cursing the shifting light that made a shadow across the podium where the guests would be speaking.

Among dignitaries present were Ford, Dole, his wife, daughter and mother, Governor and Mrs. Robert Bennett, First District Congressman Keith Sebelius, Lt. Gov. Shelby Smith and Senior Kansas Senator James Pearson. Nancy Lane, Russell City Council President, introduced Dole.

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Dole:

## No blanket pardon

SEATTLE (UPI) — American Legionnaires rose clapping Wednesday as GOP vice presidential nominee Robert Dole told them, "President Ford stood for 'no blanket pardon, no blanket amnesty, no blanket clemency' for Vietnam draft evaders."

Many of the same listeners had booed Jimmy Carter Tuesday when he promised as President to grant a blanket pardon to draft evaders and deserters.

In his first major address since winning his place on the ticket with Ford, Dole declared: "Yesterday, one of your speakers stated: 'I do not favor a blanket amnesty, but for those who violated selective service laws, I intend to grant a blanket pardon.'"

"The speaker provided his own definitions. He said: 'Amnesty means that what you did is right. A pardon means that what you did — right or wrong — is forgiven.'"

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— EDITORIAL OPINION COLUMN —

### An Excellent Choice

Just as our newspaper was going to press last week, President Ford tabbed our neighbor and friend, Sen. Bob Dole of Russell, Kansas, as his running mate.

At the time, everyone following the guesswork of the TV commentators was positive that it was someone else — so much so that the stunning announcement failed to generate immediate enthusiasm.

Because politics is what it is, there was mixed reaction at first even among our local people. But as time proved that it was for real — Bob Dole is the Republican candidate for vice president — even the local dissidents started to feel the pride of personally knowing this neighbor from Russell who has come up through the ranks of public service and has given a good account of himself all the way.

He has been in Plainville so many times during his campaigns for State Legislature, Congressman and U. S. Senator that it's almost like having our own hometown citizen seeking the second highest office in the land.

Many years ago when attending a meeting of Boy Scout leaders in Russell, Bob Dole first came to my attention. His leadership qualities at that meeting were indicative of his many talents which would guide his course. His practical, down-to-earth approach to problems then remains the same today.

He learned to make dollars stretch, as many of us have, and therefore comes by his conservative nature honestly. Not endowed with wealth, he also learned early how to work hard for what he earned, symbolic of the phrase, "an honest day's work for an honest day's pay."

Bob Dole has compassion and understanding for others. He learned from the painful wounds of war and long rehabilitation that many suffer unfortunate circumstances and need help.

A strong faith helped sustain him then, as it does now. Faith in God, his family, friends, and certainly his Country.

Bob Dole is a good fighter. He had to be to overcome his physical handicaps and mental anguish that accompanied them. His battle as a legislator has continued to be for sensible programs that help the people, within the bounds of a sound fiscal policy.

President Ford made an excellent choice in selecting Bob Dole as his vice presidential candidate, and we join the legion of voters who are proud to say that we "know" Bob Dole and will support him all the way.

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