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Dole Campaigning for the Big Prize This Time

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you very much" before turning to enter a car for the trip to Blacksburg. This is the site of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, the alma mater of Dole's daughter, Robin, who is along for the trip.

It's a 50-minute drive for the motorcade of 11 cars and the press bus with a police helicopter leading the way overhead.

VPI's Burrus Hall is jammed with about 3,000 faculty and students and more wait outside.

Dole's pat political speech is delivered from familiar notes. He can use from five to 30 minutes, adding or dropping issues as he sizes up his audience.

Carter is lambasted with charges of waffling on issues, weakening U.S. defenses, poor judgment in his Playboy and Mailer interviews, of being a pawn of organized labor and of extolling phony conservatism.

FORD, ON THE OTHER HAND, is showered with praise words such as "decent, open, candid, confident, competent, compassionate, dependable and predictable."

In his speeches, Dole has a habit of using "and that's what it's all about" as if stringing mileposts along the way. He may use it three or four times in one speech.

On the bus for the 50-minute ride back to the airport, newsmen compare notes.

"I got five seconds of new tape on that one."

"I've got six."

"Six? What'd I miss?"

Tailspin Tommy heads for Richmond and comes in on one bounce. The motorcade takes 15 minutes to get downtown where Gov. Mills Godwin is waiting for Dole to address a street rally in front of the President Ford Committee headquarters.

ABOUT 400 people are in the street and another 50 line a three-story parking garage across the street. More signs are being waved. Favorable ones like "Grits and Fritz can call it quits." Unfavorable ones — "Bob Dole, Ford's hit man."

His speech is shorter. Competing with the noise of the security helicopter irritates him.

Minutes later, to 270 persons at a luncheon in the nearby John Marshall Hotel, Dole was in a better mood. "That helicopter was for security purposes — they didn't want anybody to hear me," he tells the Republican party boosters.

Carter's Playboy interview is mentioned again, but with a new twist. "He gives so many interviews, I can't read them fast enough, let alone look at the pictures."

HE ALSO STARTS accusing Carter of hypocrisy (which he accentuates by pronouncing it high-pocrisy) by linking his Playboy comments to his criticism of Butz's remarks.

"And that's what it's all about."

Next stop — Pittsburgh, where nearly 900 Republicans at a \$250-per-person dinner heard Dole from the minister who delivers the invocation:



Dole in Maine: Another Airport

"Some of those we have supported in the past four years have come under close scrutiny. We need wisdom."

But the crowd, prepped for a good time at an earlier cocktail hour, is in a receptive mood. Anything Dole says is cheered. Hip jokes keep them rolling in their chairs. So he calls up every one he can remember.

During the dinner, the traveling press stayed in the press room where some phoned in stories, some played gin rummy and others watched Pappy Boyington's World War II exploits on television.

"Ah, the exciting life of the national press," commented one of the newcomers.

WHEN DOLE SPOKE, they returned to the dining hall to catch any new gem he might toss their way. Instead, they heard him say:

"When you speak every day, two or three times, the traveling press almost collapses when they see you stand up. Here it goes again. But they're really

good — they're getting my name right now."

"Sure," responds one reporter sourly in a loud whisper. "Sen. Robert J. Droll."

Sen. Richard Schweiker, who was Ronald Reagan's choice for vice president, was there to present a toast to Ford and Dole, "our winning team."

Dole is given a standing ovation as seems to be the custom today. He also is given a white glass eagle with outstretched wings, but the next morning he doesn't rate page one news. A short story is found on page five.

PITTSBURGH IS AN overnight stop at the William Penn Hotel with Wednesday's baggage call at 7 a.m. and departure for Wilmington, N.C., at 10 a.m. It's a sunny 73 degrees when Sen. Jesse Helms greets Dole at the airport.

Helms brings good news. He tells Dole a poll there shows Ford leading Carter 53 to 37 in North Carolina. "The South is beginning to crack," Dole will say again and again.

At another street rally for the opening of another PFC campaign headquarters, Dole adds a reference in his pat speech to Jeff Carter's remarks about evangelist Billy Graham, a native North Carolinian, whom the senator praises.

He stresses his opposition to gun control, his support of right to work laws and for the conservative philosophy.

"And that's what it's all about."

A DECK TOUR of the USS North Carolina, anchored in an inlet of the Cape Fear river, is squeezed in before a luncheon talk to a local club.

A few young boys running about the deck are pulled into the group for pictures. One had shouted: "Hey, Dole, I ain't never seen a president before."

Then, it's on to Asheville, in the northwest corner of the state. A light rain is falling when Tailspin Tommy brings the plane in without a bounce.

This segment of the trip called for an outdoor rally and some house-to-house canvassing. The occasion was the opening of the first Ford-Dole neighborhood headquarters in the nation — in an upper middle-class neighborhood where homes run from \$75,000 upward.

THE FRONT YARD rally, complete with a high school band standing in the drizzle, featured a fight

between two dogs while Dole spoke from beneath a large oak tree. With the rain still falling, the home visits were cut to two.

BACK ON BOARD the plane for Washington, everyone is talking about the night's second debate between Ford and Carter. But the plane leaves tomorrow for major stops in Detroit and Chicago.

One reporter gestures toward an older colleague. "Look at him. Would you believe he's 22? These campaigns are hard work."

Taped to the wall in the forward cabin is a notice announcing an airplane pool with the stakes going to the person who picks how many states Ford and Carter will carry in November. In the case of two or more winners, the tie breaker is the best estimate of the number of times Dole will visit Kansas before election day.

Dole doesn't mix much with the traveling press on the plane, but some are granted short interviews.

IN ONE INTERVIEW, Dole said he is satisfied with the coverage given his campaign to date.

"We got our fair share," he said. "We think the local coverage has been good. We think the national media, with few exceptions has been fair. You can't expect it to be the way I'd write it or we'd have a big glowing piece every night."

But he is convinced that some reporters stick around all day just to find a mistake in something he says or does.

With the hectic pace and the heavy load of the campaign he bears, does the thought ever strike him that he might win no more than another presidential jacket?

FRIENDS HAVE ASKED this same question in other words, Dole conceded. When he was picked as Ford's running mate, they asked: "What do you have — you're 30 points behind?"

"Well, suddenly, according to some people, we're even. Others have us four or five points behind. There is movement in the country. It looks like a real possibility, but even so it's going to be a close race."

"I think it's worth the effort. Not too many people in history have been on either ticket. It's an experience I'll remember."

And that's what it's all about as the Bob Dole Campaign Express heads back to Washington and the next day's campaign assignment.

No Joke, Dole Wields Wit

Sen. Bob Dole, GOP vice-presidential candidate, always has been known to exhibit his sense of humor on the campaign trail.

Some of his jokes, especially those aimed at his opponents, can be cutting. Some he uses to make fun of himself.

Here are some examples:

"You've got to admit that pineapple juice is better for you than peanut butter; it doesn't stick to the roof of your mouth."

"Why do I want to be vice president? It's indoor work and no heavy lifting."

About Jimmy Carter's interview in Playboy magazine, Dole said he hadn't read it yet — "I can't get past the pictures."

Addressing a street rally, he asked: "Can you hear me on the left? I know they hear me on the right."

"I was always told that a picture was worth a thousand words. I was reminded of that when I saw one of you recently," Dole said, looking at Vice President Nelson Rockefeller nearby.

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Dole tries to dispel a mushroom cloud

HOUBY, AS you may or may not know, is the Czech name for mushroom. Houby are picked in the woods and eaten by people of Czech background with the same gusto the French bring to truffles.

Recently, the residents of Cicero and Berwyn have begun mixing ethnic pride with their craving for mushrooms by staging an annual Houby festival and parade.

Now at first glance, Sen. Robert Dole, the Kansas Republican running for vice president, might seem an unlikely participant at a Houby Festival.

But there he was Sunday, handpumping his way down Cermak Road in the Houby parade. He was there, aides said, because GOP Rep. Henry Hyde who represents the district, invited him two weeks ago.

BUT SOME cynics think Dole came to stamp out a peculiar variety of houby that sprouted last week in the rhetoric of President Ford.

Ford surprised quite a number of Americans of Eastern European descent who have had this notion



Close-up With Jeff Lyon

for years that their cousins and aunts across the sea aren't happy.

Eastern Europe, Ford declared, isn't dominated by the Soviet Union, and it darn well won't be while he is President.

Now that's a houby.

And my, how it's grown in a year when a preponderance of the undecided vote is ethnic!

SO HERE was Bob Dole, coming into Czech and Pole country Sunday.

derstand what he [Ford] means. When he thinks about domination, he thinks about the people.

"The people in Poland are not dominated. Their hearts and minds since yearn for freedom. When Jimmy Carter thinks about domination, he thinks about governments and the governments are dominated."

Later, aboard his chartered Northwest Orient plane, Dole described his reception as "excellent."

HE ELABORATED on the distinction between domination of governments and domination of people.

"You can't dominate my heart and mind. You can dominate me in other ways but I can still have hope. And that's our great hope. That the Free World can stay strong, so that some day we'll be able to help people break their chains."

He said Carter has been "nit-picking" over "a very minor mistake of the President."

"If, after 25 years, the President had been vacillating or wishy-washy on this, I'd say, 'Ah, now he's trying to have it both ways.' But he never has. He's introduced Captive Nations resolutions. This year was the first time there has been a new growth in the defense budget in years."

DOLE SAID it is "a sad commentary that the party of Yalta, that brought all this about [domination of Eastern Europe] is trying to exploit the President's remarks as an issue."

The Kansas senator, not known as a shrinking violet, indicated he intends to go on the offensive against Carter in coming days.

"This may give us the opportunity to really open this fellow up where he's weak," said Dole, licking off Carter's stands on defense spending "and tax reforms, which affect a good number of ethnic people."

Dole admitted Ford's remark "did interrupt" our momentum a little bit, but we'll be back in the track."

ON BALANCE, Bob Dole probably did all right Sunday. There were no captive nation pickets wearing chains or carrying angry posters. The crowds were friendly, if not uncontrollably enthusiastic.

It's a good thing no people from Berwyn or Cicero were aboard the press bus to hear the following dialog between a couple of reporters and a high-ranking Ford-Dole staff member.

"Hey, here we are in Mushroom Grove, Ill., where the city manager is 'Greasy Thumb' Guzik."

"Is he going to use that line tonight?"

"Maybe Earl Butz will."

"Hey, where's John Dean?"

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CICERO, Ill. — The ethnic vote was much on the mind of Sen. Bob Dole Sunday as he attended a Bohemian festival parade here and a Columbus Day parade earlier in Newark, N.J.

The Republican vice presidential nominee walked almost the entire 1½-mile parade route of the Bohemian festival, smiling and waving to the crowd that often was five or six deep.

The response to Dole — like the weather — was warmer in Cicero than in Newark where he shook hands with Italian-Americans who almost by conviction are Democrats.

The windy, mid-50s weather chilled the Newark crowd and Dole probably was chilled a bit by the reviewing stand announcer who introduced him by saying "Senator Mondale, the Republican vice presidential candidate," then corrected himself to get the candidate and party right.

Sen. Walter Mondale of Minnesota, the Democratic vice presidential candidate, followed Dole in the parade by a few minutes.

Dole spoke briefly to the Columbus Day crowd, then injected into his remarks the severe war wounds he suffered in Italy during World War II.

"I spent some time in Italy," he told the crowd. "I left a piece of myself in Italy and I hope I can get a piece of that back Nov. 2. I spent a great deal of time in that great country fighting for America, fighting for the free world, and yes, for Italy."

Republican workers in Newark distributed a pamphlet that is a slight alteration of Dole's 1974 Senate race literature.

Rather than saying Sen. Bob Dole, however, the sheets read "you can sum up Republican vice presidential nominee Bob Dole with a four-letter word: 'Guts' and in smaller letters, "He proved it in Italy in 1945."

On the back was a lengthy story of Dole's war record.

When Dole concluded his remarks the parade announcer said, "Thank you Sen. Dole — and now let's get this parade moving." A bit later the announcer said, "Senator Mondale, Dole is now leaving."

In contrast to the Carter — Mondale signs that were sprinkled throughout the Newark crowd, the Cicero parade was marked by a shortage of any signs.

Dole clearly exuded more confidence at the Bohemian parade. While he criss-crossed the Newark parade on foot and rode for a while in a convertible in Newark, he walked the entire time in Cicero.

The entire purpose of the ethnic group appearances was to assure American descendants of Eastern European countries — particularly the Cicero parade watchers — that President Ford strongly supports them.

The President said in his debate with Jimmy Carter last week the Soviet Un-

ion does not dominate Eastern European nations, an assertion that brought quick denunciations from ethnic leaders.

With the ethnic vote seemingly slipping away from the Republicans, Dole used the occasion to express confidence in the ethnic vote and to clarify the President's statement.

"These people are sophisticated enough to know what President Ford means when he thinks about domination. He thinks about the people," Dole said after he visited a bingo game being conducted at the Slovak-American Club in Cicero. "People in Poland are not dominated, their hearts and minds yearn for freedom. What Carter thinks, he thinks about governments. He knows what government means because the governments are dominated. People still have hopes and are still yearning for freedom. And that's what it's all about."

Pressed further, Dole was asked if the President meant to distinguish between people and governments. To that question Dole replied, "I think you can leave it that way, yes."

Dole entered the Slovak-American club at the end of the parade route and told the players, who were mostly women, "I don't want to interrupt anyone's game of chance. I'm in one myself."

He also said he was heartened by the Newark parade.

"To be very candid, I shook a lot of hands in Newark and everyone I talked to said 'get tougher with Carter, get tougher with Carter. Send that peanut back to Plains.' We saw hundreds and hundreds of people. Many had Carter signs but we had the people with us. So I feel very good now. I feel better than I did before going to Newark."