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No one but a reporter could spend two days with Bob Dole — and two years asking "What is Bob Dole really like?"

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light and variable tonight.
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4,000 See Dole's Hat Enter Ring

With a cheering crowd of about 4,000 hometown admirers looking on, Sen. Robert J. Dole, R-Kan., made his expected announcement this morning of his candidacy for the 1980 Republican presidential nomination.

Speaking from a podium erected between the City Building and the News-Record Building, the senator was introduced by former Kansas Lt. Gov. Dave Owen, of the Kansas City, Kan.

area, whose wife is a Russell native. Owen said the pleasant task of introducing Kansas' senior senator was not a new one for him, but that this was the first time he had introduced the senator in his hometown, Russell.

He introduced Dole as "Our friend, and, God willing, the next president of the United States of America, Bob Dole."

The program before the large gathering began at 9:33 a.m. with

the invocation by the Rev. Richard Robbins, of Trinity United Methodist Church.

Mayor Roger W. Williams welcomed the crowd and the large press (including radio and TV) contingent, thanking all for their cooperation. He invited all to return "in November 1980" (the date of the next presidential election).

Bands from Dorrance, Lucas, Luray, and Gorham schools, plus those of Russell High School and Ruppenthal Middle School in Russell, played several selections, beginning at 9 a.m. in the roped-off area. "The Star-Spangled Banner" was played before the senator made his announcement address.

A post-speech press conference in the Fire Station at the City Building lasted about 20 minutes, until 10:25 a.m. Then the senator and Mrs. Elizabeth Hanford Dole, his wife, left for the Hays airport to fly to Des Moines, Iowa, where he was to reiterate his candidacy announcement.

Marring the festivities, but not much, was a pair of signs erected on and near a tractor, evidently belonging to an American Agriculture Movement member, at the southwest edge of the program area. The signs said, "Mr. Dole—Where were you when we needed your support in Washington?" and "Where was Bob in Washington?"

Dole's speech was interrupted by applause, sometimes polite, sometimes very enthusiastic, nine times. He said he had no illusions about the campaign ahead and predicted he would have a good chance of winning the first primary in New Hampshire and emerge as the front-runner by the time the GOP National Convention is held in

Detroit in July 1980.

The senator arrived in Russell Saturday evening to spend much of Mother's Day here with his mother, Mrs. Bina Dole. After attending church services he, his wife, and his daughter, Robin Dole, 24, dropped in for a visit and a bite to eat at "Shack's" Traditional Fish Fry, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Shackelford, 27 S. Lincoln St., an annual event that lasted Sunday from about 11:30 a.m. until well past 8 p.m.

The senator flew to Iowa to deliver a 3 p.m. commencement address Sunday at Allen County Community College. He returned to Russell for a large family dinner in the evening at the Carl Friesen home, 410 Ash St.

At about 9:30 p.m., he, his wife and daughter dropped in on a press party-reception in the Rojo Room at the Ramada Inn hosted by the Russell Publishing Co., publishers of The Daily News. The Russell Record and several other newspapers.

There were many members of the national and state press at the party—and covering the tumultuous events of Sunday and today here. They included various television and radio representatives, newspaper photographers, and reporters from The New York Times, The Washington Post and other large, prestigious newspapers, as well as from Newsweek magazine.

The senator's busy morning began here today at about 7:15 with a visit to Russell City Hospital, followed by visits to Allen Fery Nursing Home, the Russell Care Center and Cole & Rogers Dawson Drug Store, where he was employed when he was a youth.

Dole Blasts Kennedy Health-Care Proposal

DES MOINES, Iowa (UPI) — Beginning his first campaign swing as a bona fide candidate for president, Sen. Robert Dole, R-Kan., today trained his sights not on President Carter, but on the man many Democrats would like to see replace him — Sen. Edward Kennedy.

Meeting with potential supporters in the state with the nation's first presidential preference test — 2,600 precinct caucuses scheduled for next Jan. 21 — Dole termed a Kennedy-authored health-care package "a frightening prospect" that would mire the health-care system in government regulation.

"The Kennedy approach takes the position that only radical and what I believe to be disastrous changes will solve problems in the health-care delivery system," Dole said.

Dole's Iowa stopover came several hours after his formal entrance into the Republican presidential sweepstakes — a speech in his hometown of Russell, Kan.

It was Dole's third Iowa visit in recent months, evidence of an increasing field of announced candidates searching for support that could carry them to a strong showing in the January caucuses, which lifted Carter's political fortunes in 1976.

Co-sponsor of a Republican health care bill introduced in the Senate last month, Dole assailed the proposal unveiled by Kennedy today in Washington.

"Senator Kennedy continues to

believe that more bureaucracy, not less, is the answer to our problems," he said. "His legislation creates yet another new, highly complex federal and state bureaucracy — one that is needless for the industry today."

Kennedy said his national health insurance plan would guarantee every American medical care regardless of income with pre-set fees and federal financing of insurance for the poor and aged.

Dole's scaled-down alternative would guarantee coverage for catastrophic illnesses, which he said "is clearly more in tune with the times."

Of Kennedy's proposal to set negotiated fees for certain services, Dole said:

"This is a frightening prospect for those of us who do not believe that a fixed price should define what is enough. Health care is too complex and diverse in our society to be regulated."

Earlier, Dole suggested Kennedy's health-insurance plan appeared to be geared more toward political ambitions than political realities.

Carter has been criticized by labor and liberal Democrats for his more limited, less-innovative proposals. Predicting Kennedy's plan does not stand a chance of passing Congress, Dole said it "seems to be addressed more to potential constituencies within the Democratic Party and less to Congress."



HITTING THE GOP RING with his candidacy "hat" this morning was Sen. Bob Dole, outside the Russell City Building. In the foreground are members of the news media. Seated in the front row are, from left, Russell Mayor Roger Williams, former Kansas Lt. Gov. Dave Owen, and the senator's mother, Mrs. Bina Dole of Russell. (Photo by "Prince" Elmquist)

Presidential-Bid Announcement Speech

Editor's Note: Following is the official, pre-prepared text, released to the media, of U.S. Sen. Robert J. Dole's official announcement of his candidacy for the Republican nomination for president in 1980. The announcement was made at 9:30 this morning outside the City Building here in Russell, the senator's hometown.

"I thank you all for being with us today. I especially thank the members of the national media who have come so far out of their way to be here. We are very proud of Russell, but we recognize that it is not a major media center. On the other hand, it is very nearly the center of the United States — so those of you who like to be in the middle of things are pretty well situated."

"I am announcing today that I shall seek my party's nomination to the office of president of the United States."

"I have no illusions about the magnitude of the undertaking; neither have I any undue concern for the magnitude of the problems associated with it. Financing, logistics, simple human effort or the lack of these may conspire in time to defeat a candidacy, but they cannot deter

it at the outset. The magnitude of the endeavor rests not in the institutional necessities which must carry it forward, but rather in the expectations which any candidate must engender and then satisfy in the minds and hearts of the American people. This is the great task.

"It is the task of reasserting a common faith in all that we once set out to be as a nation, a shared confidence in those means established to help us grow and prosper in freedom, and a common conviction that we are in truth what we say we are: a nation that hews to the self-evident truth that 'all men are created equal.'"

"Today, in America, no truth is self-evident any longer. Instead, self-doubt increasingly characterizes our public life and our private lives as well."

"It is evident in the dwindling numbers of Americans who go to the polls to vote. We say that the franchise is a right — but that alone does not describe it; rather, it reduces its significance. The franchise is a great gift paid for again and again by the courage and sacrifice of previous generations. Yet, today so many of our people ignore it. They doubt that it matters — which is to say they

doubt that they have any control over events, over our nation's business, its direction and its destiny."

"It is evident in the growth of single-issue constituencies. Overwhelmed by the range of issues which confront the nation, many of our people doubt their capacity to understand them and deal with them. Many retreat to narrow concerns which they can grasp and which they believe they can influence. Should we use nuclear power? Should we have the right to bear arms?"

"I do not see this as an occasion for despair, but as an occasion for hope. I see it as a dawning realization of the contradiction which has shaped and misshaped our national life for 40 years: That a nation constituted for, and consecrated to, the individual should have been led to believe that the individual could best benefit by relinquishing his hopes, his responsibilities and his very individuality to government."

"Today, there are those who insist that our great difficulty is that Americans don't believe in their government. That may not be true. The great difficulty might be that Americans no

longer believe sufficiently in themselves."

"Today, we have a President who goes about insisting that he will be 'personally' responsible for this, and 'personally' responsible for that. He means well, no doubt, but what he says is without meaning. We don't need a president who says he will be 'personally' responsible for things he can't do anything about. We need individual Americans to be 'personally' responsible again for their own lives, and the life of this nation."

"I do not intend to campaign against those who serve in government. They are no better and no worse than the rest of the American public — they are a part of it. It is absurd to say we must have a government as good as our people. This assumes that the people, whoever they are, are wise and generous and good, and that those in government are all devious, dumb, and stingy. It isn't so. Those who serve in government reflect the nation: Human, with human strengths and human failings."

"But the federal government, in its size, cost and reach is too large for this nation and, in its

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News in Brief

UPI News Summary
CANTON, China — The United States and China have initiated their first formal trade agreement in a two-city ceremony that could bring a trade boom and closer relations.

Visiting U.S. Commerce Secretary Juanita Kreps initiated the document — hammered out during intense negotiations that began May 3 — in a brief ceremony in Canton. Chinese Foreign Minister Li Qiang had initiated the pact six hours earlier in Peking.

TEHRAN, Iran — The Ayatollah Khomeini has ordered executions limited to persons convicted of murder or of ordering massacres or torture causing death, the government news agency said.

There have been more than 200 executions since February.

LOS ANGELES — The body of Barbara Hutton — one of the world's richest women and dubbed the "poor little rich girl" because of seven broken marriages and frail health — will be flown to New York early this week for services and burial.

BANGKOK — Vietnam today officially agreed to swap sick and wounded POWs with China. Vietnamese Red Cross officials said they'll be at the border one week from today with an unspecified number of Chinese captured in the month-long border war.

CAIRO — President Anwar Sadat has declared readiness to launch joint economic projects with Israel, provided they are

profitable to Egypt and are located outside the Sinai desert.

PHILADELPHIA — The Public Interest Law Center will go to court today to help 70,000 pregnant women, nursing mothers and children regain food benefits that were cut off shortly before Mother's Day because of a bureaucratic oversight.

HENDERSONVILLE, Tenn. — Country music stars gathered Sunday to pay homage to veteran bluegrass guitarist Lester Flatt. A family service is scheduled today in Sparta, Tenn., where the entertainer will be buried.

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — Sources reported today that Malaysian police have decided to detain the Indonesian captain of a freighter which brought in a commercially-organized load of 2,500 Vietnamese refugees last November.

NEW DELHI — A cyclone that raked areas along the Bay of Bengal with 12-foot waves and winds up to 90 mph over the weekend has claimed at least 46 lives, officials said today.

TOKYO — Japanese oil companies hope to reach agreement with Mexico's state-run Petroleos Mexicanos next month for purchase of Mexican crude. Sources said five Japanese oil companies hope to buy 200,000 barrels a day starting in 1981.

GALVESTON, Texas — Acknowledging virtually no hope remains for finding seven missing off-shore oil workers alive, the Coast Guard has "shut down" its search of a collapsed offshore oil rig where one body was recovered Sunday.

ISTANBUL — Armed police backed by army soldiers patrolled Istanbul today, hunting for leftist terrorists who plotted to kidnap the U.S. and Israeli consuls and killed an American soldier two days ago.

MANILA — Philippine police released 53 protesters today while public-disturbance charges were being prepared against them after an anti-government demonstration timed to coincide with the Fifth U.N. Conference on Trade and Development.

Concordian's Cartoon Is on Page 2 Today

The political cartoon appearing on page 2 of today's Daily News is by Don Musick of the Concordia Blade-Enterprise newspaper. It depicts the beginning of Sen. Bob Dole's campaign to reach the White House by January 1981.

Cartoons courtesy of Musick have appeared in The Daily News in the past.

How UPI Reporter Views Prospects of Sen. Bob Dole

By ROBERT RAINS
RUSSELL, Kan. (UPI) — Sen. Robert Dole, the tart-tongued partisan who ran for vice president in 1976, today became the Republican party's seventh official candidate for the White House.

The conservative two-term senator announced his candidacy in his tiny hometown of Russell, in the heart of Kansas, where he made a dramatic first campaign stop in 1976, choking up when he recalled how his neighbors helped him recover from crippling World War II wounds.

Dole... was chairman of the Republican National Committee when the Watergate break-in occurred.

Dole, 55, is considered a long-shot in a field dominated by the likes of Ronald Reagan, John Connally, George Bush and Senate Republican leader

Howard Baker. His strategy is aimed, aides say, at winning up a strong second choice of Republicans if the others falter before the July 1980 convention, in Detroit.

One obstacle is the reputation he gained, despite his deftness with a wisecrack, as a politician who never passes up an opportunity to attack.

The term "hatchetman" was applied during the 1976 campaign when he ran with Gerald Ford, and Dole admitted in an interview last year his role was to fire up Republican stalwarts and "feed them a little raw meat."

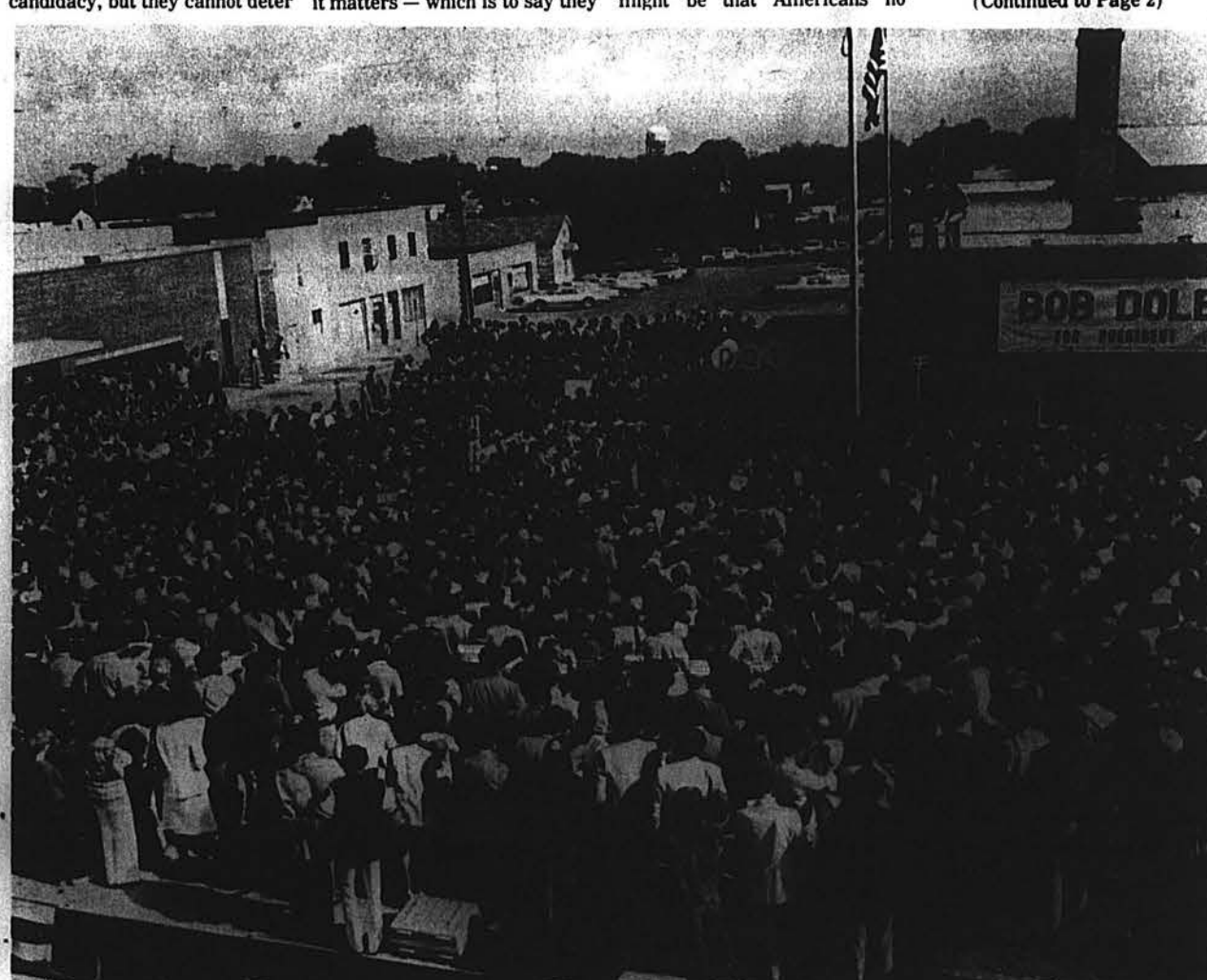
As a result, Dole suffers from a curious position in the polls. While about two-thirds of respondents know him — a tremendous advantage to most presidential candidates — only about 3 or 4 percent prefer him over the others.

Dole's announcement speech contained conciliatory elements toward women, minorities, labor and Democrats.

He also dished out some basic conservative "raw meat" about a federal government grown too big at the expense of individualism.

Others who have announced for the GOP nomination are: Rep. Philip Crane of Illinois, former Gov. Harold Stassen of Minnesota, former GOP national committee official Benjamin Fernandez, former Gov. John Connally of Texas, Sen. Lowell Weicker of Connecticut and former CIA director George Bush of Texas.

Others still expected to announce include Rep. John B. Anderson of Illinois, Sen. Howard Baker of Tennessee and former Gov. Ronald Reagan of California.



A MASS OF HUMANITY may be a cliché, but that's what was present this morning at 8th and Maple streets in Russell as U.S. Sen. Robert J. Dole, R-Kan., announced the official beginning of his campaign for the 1980 Republican presidential nomination. The crowd was estimated at 4,000 as Dole, upper center in photo, made a 20-minute speech, interrupted by applause nine times. (Photo by "Prince" Elmquist)