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WITH THOSE WORDS RINGING IN OUR EARS, WE WILL LEAVE THIS HALL UNITED FOR THE CAMPAIGN TO COME. WE WILL CARRY OUR MESSAGE THROUGHOUT THE STATE, AND ON NOVEMBER 4TH, YOU AND I AND THOUSANDS OF OUR NEIGHBORS WILL WIN A VICTORY NOT JUST FOR THEMSELVES, BUT FOR KANSAS.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Senator Bob Dole

Will He Get Along With Reagan?

By STEVEN RATTNER

WASHINGTON SENATOR BOB DOLE, one-time Vice Presidential nominee, and the next chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, was no less startled than the rest of official Washington by the extent of the Republicans' election sweep.

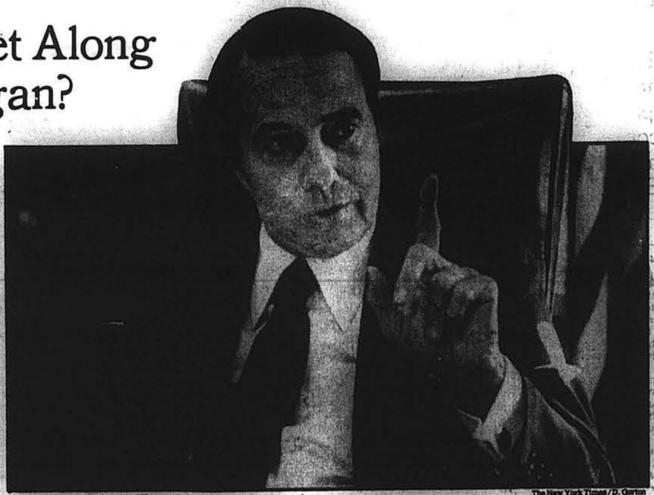
"We have a fellow on our professional staff who wants to stay on next year," recalled the Kansas Republican of an incident before the election. Russell B. Long, current chairman of the Finance Committee, said, "You better go see Dole too, he may be the chairman." I said, "you've got to be crazy. Maybe Russell knows something I don't know."

Indeed, with the defeat of Senator Long at the polls, after 14 years at the helm of one of the Senate's most important committees, the 57-year-old Mr. Dole found the job unceremoniously deposited in his lap.

Challenges for the committee are expected to be formidable, from rescuing Social Security funding once again, to cutting spending, to re-examining the windfall profits tax on crude oil. (Mr. Dole has backed a version of the tax that would be more generous for the oil companies.) What he will do with his new responsibilities remains something of a mystery, for Mr. Dole confesses he has yet to give much thought to the question.

"Some people are already saying, 'I'm going to do this, this and this,'" he said, referring to public statements by two other new Republican chairmen. "I don't think the first day here in town you have a program. I don't have one."

Will his be the sort of one-man show



Senator Bob Dole, Kansas Republican

that Senator Long, a conservative Democrat whom Mr. Dole had endorsed for re-election? "As I see it, I'm only one member of that Senate Finance Committee," said Mr. Dole.

In 12 years as a Senator, Mr. Dole has become best known for having been Gerald Ford's "hottest man" running mate in the 1976 Presidential election. His job then was to travel around the country berating Democrats while President Ford remained Presidential

Yet those who know him like Senator Dole. "He's absolutely straight," said

a long-time acquaintance. "He would say the same thing to blacks in Wichita as to farmers in Eldorado."

In the Senate, his most visible accomplishment is having worked with Senator George McGovern, a South Dakota Democrat, to develop food stamp legislation. Food stamps are, of course, good for agriculture, which means good for Kansas.

REPUBLICANS, as one long-time Hill observer put it, "have been so firmly entrenched as the minority party that much of what they accomplish they accomplish negatively, by stopping things."

Mr. Dole's involvement with Finance Committee matters has been even more limited. Until two years ago, he was the ranking Republican on the Agriculture Committee and devoted only limited effort to Finance, of which he has been a member for eight years.

"He didn't get active in the Finance Committee until the past year," said Charis E. Walker, a Washington lobbyist and head of Ronald Reagan's tax policy committee. Nevertheless, when Mr. Walker worked with him in putting together the Reagan-Republican tax thrust in June, "I was very, very impressed with how he handled that."

Whether the Reagan team will remain enthusiastic about Mr. Dole is uncertain. Kansas's senior Senator has taken positions on some issues that diverge from those of the President-elect. For example, Mr. Dole supports national health insurance against catastrophic illness and would like some money for it from Mr. Reagan.

Perhaps most importantly, he has exhibited substantial doubts about the cornerstone of the Reagan economic policy, the three-year, 30 percent tax cut known as Kemp-Roth.

"I haven't been persuaded yet that we can do all that," said Mr. Dole. His reservation in particular is over cutting spending; without a drop in spending, a large tax cut would create a budget deficit even larger than current ones—and more inflation—he argues.

Nonetheless, if put to the test, Mr. Dole says, he would vote for the cut, in part because he is convinced that the lead in policy development should now

come from the White House. Then too, Mr. Dole is by nature a conservative, recipient of consistently high marks for his voting record from that side of the spectrum and low grades from liberals.

Throughout his Senatorial career, Mr. Dole has placed unusual emphasis for a Republican on "people issues" and he is currently urging the same emphasis for the new Administration.

"It seems to me that we've got an opportunity here, and that's what his, it's an opportunity," said Mr. Dole. "It's not a lifetime lease. If we can demonstrate in the next couple of years that we're concerned about people, and that we're not turning our backs on the poor and still adopt some changes that reduce the growth of Federal spending and get inflation down, then we're going to be a force to be reckoned with."

Before entering the Senate in 1969, Mr. Dole was a Congressman; before that, the Russell County Attorney, and before that, a member of the Kansas House of Representatives. In short, virtually all of Mr. Dole's adult life has been spent in politics.

Prior to that was World War II military service, during which he was badly wounded. He still has almost no use of his right arm and sometimes loses feeling in his left one. In 1948, he married Phyllis Holden, the physiotherapist who had helped him to write, shave and type with one hand.

They were divorced in 1972, and in 1975, he married Mary Elizabeth Hanford, a member of the Federal Trade Commission, who resigned to help in her husband's Presidential effort and is now a key member of the Reagan transition team.

That Presidential effort went virtually nowhere, ending after the New Hampshire primary in which he received only 608 votes. Political experts say the venture was almost devoid of planning and organizational talent.

Having just been re-elected to the Senate, what about another try at the Presidency? "I used to go around the country saying, 'If you're looking for a younger Ronald Reagan, here I am,'" said the Senator. "They weren't, so here I am."

Russell Recalls Bob Dole — and It's Proud of Its 'Other Senator' Too

By DENNIS PEARCE
Staff Writer

RUSSELL — Arlen Specter was the big city boy from Wichita who knew how to handle a yo-yo when he hit Russell in 1941.

Today he is the big city boy from Philadelphia who knew enough to get elected to the U.S. Senate.

They haven't forgotten him in this community of 5,500. In January, he'll join fellow Republican Bob Dole, allowing Russell residents to claim two hometown boys in the Senate.

Specter said in a telephone interview that Dole called him after his election and said "he thought it was great. He said he thought Russell needed two senators."

Dole, of course, has been a senator since 1968 and is what you might call a national figure, having run for vice-president and president and all.

HE SAID IN A telephone interview, "I tried to get Nixon to appoint him attorney general. I think it was one way to have prevented Watergate."

"He's a very bright guy. I've talked to him three times since the election. We're looking forward to working together."

Specter, a graduate of Russell High

School, was born in Wichita and lived at 253 N. Erie until he was 12 and his family moved to Russell. He graduated from high school in 1947 and went off to college.

Specter's brother, Morton, still lives in Russell, and owns Specter Pipe and Supply Co.

But others, like Cliff Holland, remember the new senator. He was "very sharp. He impressed us when he got to town," said classmate and fellow debater Holland, now an attorney and oilman. "We all had yo-yos and he could do all kinds of tricks. The city kid from Wichita amazed us."

HE WAS "POPULAR, well-liked, an outstanding student and ambitious," says Alice Mills, a retired English and mathematics teacher.

She remembers Dole as being "exceedingly ambitious also. He would finish whatever he started to do."

Holland said Specter was a competitive person, even in pick-up basketball games they used to play as kids. But his passion was debate and he took that over sports. It paid off when he and Steve Mills, Gene Balloun and Kent Shearer won the state championship two years in a row, 1946 and 1947.

"We are close to this day," Specter said. "I visit Mills in California and we had a long talk last Sunday. Shearer is in Salt Lake City and I go and visit him."

ARLEN, 50, HASN'T been idle since he left Russell. He spent a year at the University of Oklahoma, then transferred to the University of Pennsylvania. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa. He returned to Russell in the summers of 1948, '49 and '50 to work in his father's junk yard.

"I think the values of the Midwest are important values," he said. "I contrast the accountability of a small town like Russell with the anonymity of a city like Philadelphia where nobody knows you. It requires a lot more responsibility and integrity to succeed where everybody can see what you're doing."

He added, "I gave a speech about that once."

After a hitch in Air Force intelligence, he graduated from Yale Law School (Law Journal, of course), and joined Dechert Price & Rhoads, a top-line Philadelphia law firm.

IN 1956, HE BECAME assistant (See RUSSELL'S, 4B, Col. 3)

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district attorney, turned down then U.S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy's offer of a job in the Justice Department and in 1964, served as assistant counsel to the Warren Commission.

In 1965, he was elected district attorney in Philadelphia and was elected again in 1969, the only major Republican wins in Philly in nearly 25 years.

His luck ran out in the 1970s when he endured a string of political losses, but the hard work and patience came to fruition Nov. 4 when he defeated the popular former mayor of Pittsburgh and former deputy U.S. attorney general and staunch Democrat, Peter Flaherty.

Specter's wife, Joan, by the way, is a member of the Philadelphia City Council.

"I COME BACK TO Wichita and Russell all the time. I visit my aunt (Mrs. Julius Isenberg) in Wichita a couple of times a year and go to Russell a couple of times a year."

He added, "I remember everybody in town was very friendly, it was a nice town. It was a good place to grow up. It taught me a lot."

Specter also remembers that you could buy a shot of whiskey in the corner cafe. "In 1941, Walter Winchell called Russell the Little Chicago of the West because you could buy whiskey on the bar for 50 cents.

"And one day the bootlegger brought the whiskey in, in a dump

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truck. He pulled the wrong lever and the whole neighborhood smelled like whiskey.

"BUT RUSSELL WAS a nice town. Doc (H. Dale) O'Brien was the mayor. His wife, Charlotte, became a good friend of my mother."

Dole mused, "I don't know of any other town of that size that has two senators from different states — it may be a first."

A fierce competitive spirit and hard work seems to be the glue that ties Specter and Dole together.

Holland has first-hand knowledge of Dole's competitive spirit and his well-known ability to win.

"I ran against Dole for county attorney once. I was his fifth or sixth victim. I was a youngster just out of law school. I went to every house in the county and he didn't seem to do a thing and I just got massacred. He convinced me I didn't know a thing about politics."

REMEMBER DAWSON'S Drug Store, the one where Dole used to work for 50 cents a day and all the ice

cream he could eat, the one he used in so many of his political television commercials? Well, it is owned by Steve Cole and Larry Rogers now. They bought it about eight years ago from Chet Dawson.

But regardless of who owns it, Dixie Dugan has worked there for 29 years. She thinks "It's kind of nice to know that two people from a small place can reach those heights." She also is quite proud that Specter returned to Russell to give the commencement address at the 1967 high school graduation.

Eric E. Smith remembers Dole well. "Bob was my first law partner" who then went off to become county attorney. He also remembers Specter, "not well, but I knew who he was and I see him when he comes to visit." Smith, who sat as probate judge for several years, is retired now and takes his morning coffee at the drug store.

MORTON SPECTER, who is 10 years older than Arlen and a pretty rough-and-tumble-looking fellow, likes the rough and tumble of politics and goes back east to help Arlen out

when he runs for office. He also worked in the early Dole campaigns.

Arlen hasn't always been successful. Like most politicians, he has lost a few — starting with the presidency of the senior class. He was elected DA twice, but lost close contests for mayor of Philadelphia, governor of Pennsylvania and his first shot at the Senate, when John Heinz III nosed him out.

Still, that's not bad for a Republican in a state where the registration is more than two-thirds Democrat.

Arlen considers it a building process. "Pennsylvania is a big state. There are 12 million people. If you want to run for office, it takes a long time to get yourself known. The losses were important steps to becoming well-enough known to win."

MORTON REMEMBERS his kid brother as "always dedicated, finishing anything he started to do."

Specter had just returned to Russell from Pennsylvania where he and the two girls of the family, Hilda and Shirley, had helped with the campaign and had helped celebrate Arlen's win. Arlen is the youngest and the family keeps an eye on him.

What's it like being the brother of a senator?

Big brother Morton answers: "I'm real concerned about my brother, but he's doing what makes him happy, so that makes me happy."

Dean Banker, owner of Banker's Department Store, which is just catty-cornered from the drug store, knows Dole. "He was a couple of years ahead of me in school. My dad sold him his first suit of clothes," he said.

BANKER WORKED ON Dole's original campaign for county attorney. "Back in the 'Good Old Days,' you always opened your campaign in Bunker Hill (about nine miles east of Russell) because there were a couple of pretty powerful Republicans there. He asked me to introduce him and I've been a supporter ever since."

Banker, a former member of the school board, said he remembers Specter as a bright and well-liked youth and a champion debater. "Of course, I didn't have any idea which way he'd go."

Eventually to the Senate, as it turned out, and Dole is sure that Specter "is going to be an outstanding addition to the Senate. He is bringing a rare combination of Midwestern common sense and Eastern polish to the Senate."

DOLE, THE REPUBLICAN, also is happy that Specter's win, along with others, contributed to a Republican majority that will gain Dole the chairmanship of the Senate Finance Committee.

The two are going back to Russell sometime later this month to have a little get-together. Two hometown boys who have done their town proud.