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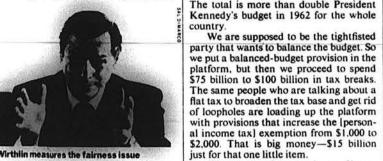
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Voices Beneath the Harmony

Three prominent Republicans talk about the political future

Inlike the Democratic In 1982, when the economy was pretty rocky, it was interesting to us to learn that it was the fairness issue more than Convention, where the cheers were punctuated the economic issue that helped Democratby occasional jeers, and truggles for the heart of ic Congressmen win elections. I think that the party were apparent on the podium and on the is even more true today. The Democrats are going to come at us very hard on the fairness issue. The perception of unfair-ness in the Reagan Administration is floor, the Republicans' conclave was a telegenic display of unity. But off-camera, the Républicans were about where it was a year ago, except more candid about the divergent currents among older, retired voters. who are supthat will determine the party's future. Pres-idential Pollster Richard Wirthlin, Kanporting the President more than they did earlier. We felt the recovery would soften sas Senator Robert Dole and New York the fairness issue somewhat It did not. Congressman Jack Kemp were among the G.O.P. leaders and strategists who met in-Robert Dole. I do not see a big shift in the dividually with TIME's editors to discuss Republican Party. We are a conservative the changing Republican Party. Their party. But I think we have sort of lost our

to the recession, but partly due to the be-Richard Wirthlin. For the first time in my lief that the deficit would just take care of memory, voters 24 years old and younger itself. Just continue to cut taxes and the support Republicans and Reagan more deficit goes away. Now that may happen, strongly than any other age group except those over 65. We have an 18-point marbut I do not see much evidence of it yet. The fastest-growing program in gin over Mondale among these young vot-Washington is not Medicare. It is not agers. And that is where long-term partisan riculture. It is not defense. It is interest on the debt. That interest this year is \$110 change can happen. If we get a voter who billion. It is headed for \$200 billion by the is 19 or 20 years old to cast his first vote for Reagan. we know we have a very good end of the decade. That is net interest. The total is more than double President



chance of having that voter for ten presidential elections.

The vote itself is a very ephemeral thing. It is froth on the surface of a churning sea. To understand what is generating that froth you have to understand what people aspire to and what they value highly. I just completed a study on this subject and found that younger voters are very individualistic in their economic views but quite liberal in terms of their positions on social issues. such as the ERA and abortion. They tend to be more liberal than the Republican platform. So there is a certain tension there. If growth continues and the economy is no longer a major concern in people's lives, it is possible that social issues will play a more prominent role in a voter's decision. That could work against the President and the Republican Party. But I do not think this is highly likely. The pocketbook is going to be the dominant concern of Americans for a long time to come.

and say "I'm for lower taxes" and "I'm not going to worry about spending or the deficit" and "We're going to bash Paul Volcker Ichairman of the Federal Reservel and get interest rates down.

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Jack Kemp. The far right did not write this platform. They would like to take credit for it, but with all due respect to them, it was written by a group of young. activist-oriented Republicans who are not comfortable sitting on the sidelines. The platform is not a narrow, negative, nationalistic. Communist-bashing document. There are elements of conservatism ssociated with values we Republicans share about the family and Judeo-Christian ideals. But it is liberal with regard to trade and the inner city. I think the platform expresses a newness



n the green-eyeshade, accounting-firm mentality that has turned off the cities and minorities to what we Republicans are all about. We became associated with a narrow fiscalist view of the world. Part of the change taking place today is that Walter Mondale is beginning to sound like the old conventional orthodox wing of the Republican Party. which made reducing deficits its single overriding goal. Now it is the Republican Party that is actually talking about jobs and growth and rebuilding a liberalized trade system that would be more encouraging to the world. Today there is not more tolerance of

tion that all deficits are not created equal. New York City's deficit, predicated on spending, is different from a deficit resulting from a contraction of the economy. High utilization of plant capacity and high levels of employment can reduce such a deficit. This recovery is somewhat different from a typical Keynesian recovery because it is not consumption-led. De-



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Trent Lott and Newt Gingrich] con-

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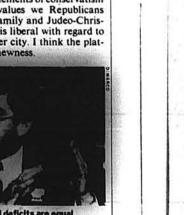
a little different view in the Senate be-

cause we are in the majority. We have to

be totally responsible from time to time.

Now, if you are in the minority, that is

when you can put out a lot of newsletters



the deficit as much as there is a recogni-

spite our critics, it is an investment-led recovery. You must not judge the deficit only at the federal level. The total national, state and local deficit is about \$100 billion to

\$110 billion. In a \$3.8 trillion economy. that deficit is not as bad as the hysteria would have us assume. We should not panic. We should cut spending where possible. But a relentless pursuit of growth and jobs and extension of this recovery is the single most critical thing available to us to get the deficit down.



Dole, who described himself as "a little euphoric, a little high," was the best known nationally in the field of five candidates. He was President Ford's 1976 vice presidential run-ing mate and unsuccessfully sought his party's presidential nomination in 1980. He is married to Transpor-tion of the Senate Finance Committee. However, the commit-

dubbed him Ford's "hatchet man" in come a problem for its tax-overhaul

the 1976 campaign — Dole presents a much different, higher-profile In other GOP leadership contests no opposition

been less of a cheerleader for the administration, and this could be-

tation Secretary Elizabeth Dole.

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Hard-driving and with a cutting wit - Democrats unflatteringly

Wednesday, Alan Simpson of Wyo-ming was elected to the No. 2 posi-tion of majority whip, a job now held by Stevens. Simpson defeated Slade Gorton of Washington, 31-22. John Chafee of Rhode Island beat Jake Garn of Utah, 28-25, for the the chairmanship of the Republican Con-ference. And John Heinz of Pennsyl-vania defeated Malcom Wallop of Wyoming for the chairmanship of the GOP Senatorial Campaign Com-mittee.

tee's next chairman, Packwood, has of a better man to lead it than Bob

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mittee. Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina was re-elected unanimously as Senate president pro tempore and William Armstrong of Colorado was elected without opposition as chair-man of the Republican Policy Com-

mittee. Overall, the new Senste leadership team is made up of more political moderates than the current one. Refer — who has presidential ambi-Baker — who has presidential ambi-tions of his own for 1988 — told reporters: "I can't think of a better

Democrats will pick their leaders next week. Senate Minority Leader

Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia has



Veteran recalls helping

to save Sen. Dole's life

By LEW FERGUSON Associated Press writer

one kidney.

lieutenant. I always assumed I had him, but I couldn't prove it.' Roberts got the proof he wanted to satisfy his own mind earlier this

Nearly 40 years have passed since to satisfy his own mind earlier this year when he read a newspaper stoa shell fragment, was carried 10 mi- ry about Dole's being sent to Italy as les down an Italian mountain road to President Reagan's representative medical treatment and survival. at an observance of the liberation of

Until recently, Dole never knew Italy. who his benefactor was that dark "That story said Dole rememwho his benefactor was that dark bered he was wounded on April 14," night in the spring of 1945, when he barely was conscious enough to Roberts said. "When I saw that, I know what was going on after the told my wife, 'That's it. That was the shell crushed two of his vertebrae, night I was there.' Roberts called Tom Keating, col-

paralyzing his arms and legs and seriously damaging his lungs and umnist for the Indianapolis Star, and told him the story of how Dole's Dole, whose recovery from his litter was carried by German prison-

World War II wounds and his subse- ers under Roberts' scrutiny. quent rise in politics to become a United States senator are well "I said I thought I was the man who had saved Sen. Dole's life," known, might have died that night if Roberts said. Keating called Dole's office, and

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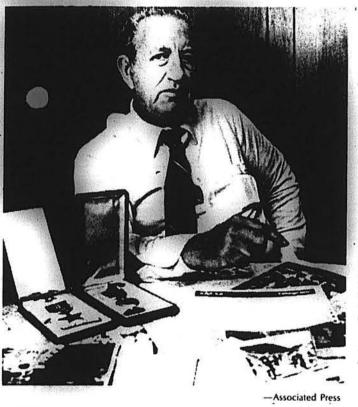
in charge that night of a detail "It's kind of interesting after 40 which included about 40 captured years to find out who carried you German soldiers. It was his detail down the mountain," Dole, who was which carried Dole to an ambulance a platoon leader when he was hit by pick up location and, finally, safety the shell fragment, said during a as dawn broke on April 14, 1945. stop in Topeka this week.

Roberts had heard of Dole's war "I hope through him to find some wounds and political career, but more of those people who helped hadn't convinced himself of the conme. nection between the young U.S. lieu-Dole, who has talked personally

tenant, who his detail carried down with Roberts, was described by his that mountain road about 12 miles benefactor as "semi-conscious" durfrom the town of Tolle, until the ing the 10-mile trek on the mountain time of the Republican National road that night almost 40 years ago. Convention last August. "There were seven other wounded "Intuition told me several years men besides Dole," said Roberts.

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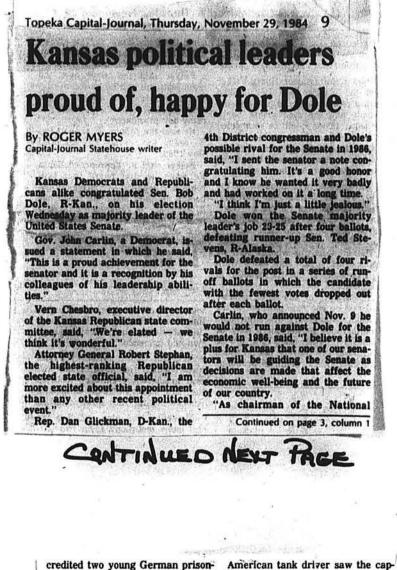


Bill Roberts, now 64, a retired Indianapolis firefighter, is credited with helping to save the life of Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., during World War II when Dole was critically wounded in Italy. Until recently, Dole never knew who his benefactor was.

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