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Dole Optimistic About Iowa

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TOPEKA — U.S. Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., buoyed by results of an Iowa poll that puts him 3 percentage points ahead of Vice President George Bush among Iowans who intend to participate in that state's February caucuses, told supporters at Topeka Sunday that his party's nomination "is out there if I can get it all bottled up."

At a brunch for about 80 contributors and party leaders just before President Reagan was to arrive to help former Kansas Gov. Alf Landon celebrate his 100th birthday, Dole said, "I believe Iowa looks good. We are organized in every one of its 99 counties, and I think I have a real good shot."

The Iowa poll, conducted by the Des Moines Register and published Sunday, showed Dole the choice of 32 percent of Iowans who intend to participate in that

state's caucuses, and Bush with 29 percent.

It was the first time Dole has nudged ahead of Bush in a substantial poll, and Dole stressed that rather than a mere beauty pageant poll, this one was made up of people who intend to participate in the caucuses by which the Iowa party chooses its delegates to the GOP national convention.

The newspaper polled 301 Iowans, and the poll has a 5.6 percent margin of error, the paper said.

He has been to 35 town meetings in Iowa, "where you just stand up there and answer every question people can throw at you," and he said that work has been a key to his lead in the state.

He told the brunch crowd — many of whom were going to board a Topeka Trolley to ride to Alf Landon's west Topeka home where the president was to arrive early Sunday afternoon — that he will concentrate on fund raising in the next couple months. "Bush

has about \$11 million, I have about \$6 million, but he held his major fund-raisers in the spring, and we are going to be starting major fund-raisers now, with one in New York that should raise \$1 million, and one in St. Louis next month."

He said in a brief press conference after his talk that he should settle sometime this week on a date when he will formally announce his candidacy. "By Wednesday or Thursday we should know," Dole said.

He said the barnstorming on the day of his announcement will start in Russell, "where the high school band is practicing now for it," and that it would probably be sometime in October.

He joked it won't be on a day that Russell's high school football team is playing out of town.

"If I choose a day that the team is playing out of town, there won't be anyone there," Dole said.

He said he was hoping to catch up with Bush before he formally announced his candidacy. "But

there is no hurry, Bush and I are the only ones who haven't announced, and we're both running for the presidency," Dole said.

The Russell native, who said he has missed only three votes this year due to campaigning, "will probably start missing a few more, but that's understandable. I missed six votes when I returned to Kansas for (former) Sen. Frank Carlson's funeral," in the spring.

Dole said he hasn't made a decision on whether he will give up his minority leader's post in the Senate to spend more time on the campaign trail, and said if the Senate can complete its work quickly in October that he may retain it.

"You have to be there to do a good job, and I won't let the leadership post suffer," he said to the brunch audience at Ramada Inn Downtown.

He said he doubts that Congress will be able to adjourn in October with the possibility of votes on Contra aid and the nomination of Robert Bork to the Supreme Court bogging down the Senate.

Dole said that he is organizing Democrats for Dole in several southern states that will be part of the "super Tuesday" primary elections next spring, and said that the decision of Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., a conservative Democrat, not to run "will be helpful. I think that there are a lot of southern Democrats who are looking over their party's field, and not finding anyone to their liking, and I think I am going to pick up support there. That support will be for me among conservative Democrats," Dole said.

Dole also called a Washington Post newspaper story, which said his wife, Secretary of Transportation Elizabeth Dole, was spending too much time campaigning for her husband, "a cheap shot."

"The work is there, it goes on whenever you have a telephone. There isn't anything not getting done," Dole said.

During his talk to supporters, Dole said he doesn't believe Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega is serious about meeting a Nov. 7 deadline to restore civil rights to his country.

He sparred with Ortega last week during an inspection trip to Latin American nations, and he said "I am hopeful that we can have a negotiated settlement, but I don't think Ortega is going to allow much freedom."

"Don't buy this line about peace in Nicaragua, though..."

"There may be peace, but peace without freedom doesn't amount to much. They have peace in the Soviet Union, and peace in Poland, they just don't have freedom," he said.

He said President Reagan should propose an appropriation for aid to the Contras who are trying to overthrow Ortega's elected government. "I think we should get it appropriated. We don't have to spend it if the situation is improved. We could use it for humanitarian purposes."

"Believe me, those people need it. They are destitute, there is real poverty, they are just existing..."

"We have to keep the pressure on, and that's a way to do it. We have to keep the pressure going," Dole said.

He said that he believes that presidents of other Latin American countries may try to isolate Nicaragua, impose economic or other sanctions against Ortega if he doesn't meet the Nov. 7 deadline for a cease-fire and restoration of constitutional liberties.



BOB AND ELIZABETH DOLE and Arlen and Joan Specter are greeting people at a reception held here Dec. 27, 1980, to honor the two United States Senators. Russell is the only city in the United States

that can claim two members of the United States Senate. Specter's brother, Morton, and his wife, Joyce, of Russell, are on the right end of the reception line. (Staff Photo)

Dole Accepts Invitation To Presidential Forum

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U.S. Sen. Bob Dole is the first presidential candidate to accept an invitation to attend the presidential candidate forum to be held in conjunction with Gov. George S. Mickelson's Conference on Agriculture, Sept. 20, 1987 in Rapid City, S.D.

Dole, a Kansas Republican, is the first candidate to accept the invitation, Gov. Mickelson said.

"I am pleased that Senator Dole has agreed to participate in the forum. I believe his confirmation will convince the other candidates this will be a worthwhile forum for them to attend."

Fifteen candidates have been invited. Depending on how many candidates attend, the format for the forum will be set to allow each candidate time to address what his/her respective administration would do to improve economic and social issues facing rural America. In addition, time will be allowed for the public to ask questions.

NBC news anchor Tom Brokaw is scheduled to moderate the Presidential Candidate Forum in Rapid City's Rushmore Civic Center on the evening of Sept. 20. The Governor's Conference on Agriculture will continue through the following two days, Sept. 21-22, at the Howard Johnson Convention Center.

The forum is free and open to the general public. Those registering for the Agriculture Conference in advance will receive tickets for reserved seating at the forum. Costs for advance registration are \$35 per person and \$60 per couple. Costs at the door of the conference will be \$40 per person or \$70 per couple.

Anyone interested in attending or wanting more information on the Governor's Conference on

Agriculture, or the candidate forum, should contact the South Dakota Department of Agriculture, 445 E. Capitol, Pierre, S.D. 57501-3188, phone 1-800-228-5254.



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GLORIA, BOB AND KENNY DOLE are dressed for cold weather and for rabbit hunting near Russell as they show off their game in front of their father's 1927 Whippet. The picture was probably taken in the early

1930s. In the dry years, jack rabbits abound throughout Central-Western Kansas. Rabbit, when prepared properly, is delicious and tastes much like chicken.

The Gay Nineties

Editor's Note: In preparing the copy for these Bob Dole sections, the editors of The Russell Daily News and The Russell Record were presented a copy by Ralph Resley of Russell, of The Pony Express issue of Wednesday, Jan. 15, 1941. The Russell High School student newspaper contained an article written by Bob Dole, a member of the journalism class and Pony Express sports editor. We thought our readers would enjoy it. It follows.

By BOB DOLE

When you go back into any city's history 50 years, you go back to the time when cowboys still roamed the prairies and when murder was not punished severely; therefore anyone could murder a person and never feel the effects as far as the law was concerned.

Fifty years ago, the small town of Russell consisted of only a depot and a few general merchandise stores. The streets were unpaved and lawlessness and ruthlessness still prevailed in the surrounding country. In the year 1890 Russell was gradually taking steps in the promotion of law enforcement, but it seemed that a touch of "night makes right" still existed in the hearts of some of the men of Russell.

Murder of Mr. Penney
It was a typical October day when the leaves had fallen from the trees and the cold weather was beginning to set in when an incident occurred in Russell that made the blood of every citizen run cold. A man named Penney

had been murdered by three farmers because they accused him of stealing their cattle.

After the three men had killed Penney, they buried him in a nearby cornfield where he lay hidden for over a week. When his body was discovered and the murderers apprehended, the people of this small town demanded that the prisoners be hanged.

Mob Breaks Into Jail
Despite the efforts of the law officers to quiet the violence, a mob of angered townspeople broke into the jail and dragged the men to the bridge that still stands east of the depot.

After listening to the useless pleas of the men, the mob hanged them one by one under the bridge. Their bodies hung there until every speck of life disappeared and until everyone in the community had had a chance to see them. The next morning the still, bloated, bloody bodies were dragged to a wheatfield and buried.

Memoirs of Lynching
E. E. Dawson, proprietor of

Dawson's Drug store, was 15 years old when the mob lynching occurred, and he has a letter and two knives which were taken from the murderers' pockets, and a mask which the mob leader wore. Mr. Dawson treasures these possessions very much and keeps them locked in his safe.

About six months ago, an agent from True Detective magazine was through Russell to get facts about the case. He told Mr. Dawson that a story would be published some time in the future about the lynching. You may be assured that when this story is published, detective business will soar throughout Russell County.



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