

Russell Daily News Sept. 6, 1989

Dole, Hayden Both Hail Bush New Drug Program

TOPEKA (UPI) — The \$7.9 billion drug-fighting program that President Bush announced Tuesday night is just a downpayment, predicts U.S. Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole of Kansas.

"I can foresee in the next four or five years doubling or tripling that amount," Dole said in remarks released by his office in Washington.

But Dole said it is inappropriate to judge a program by its price tag. He said state and local governments — as well as churches, schools and service groups — should help shoulder the responsibility for solving what he called the country's "enormous" drug problem.

Gov. Mike Hayden compared the Bush plan to the Toward a Drug-Free Kansas plan.

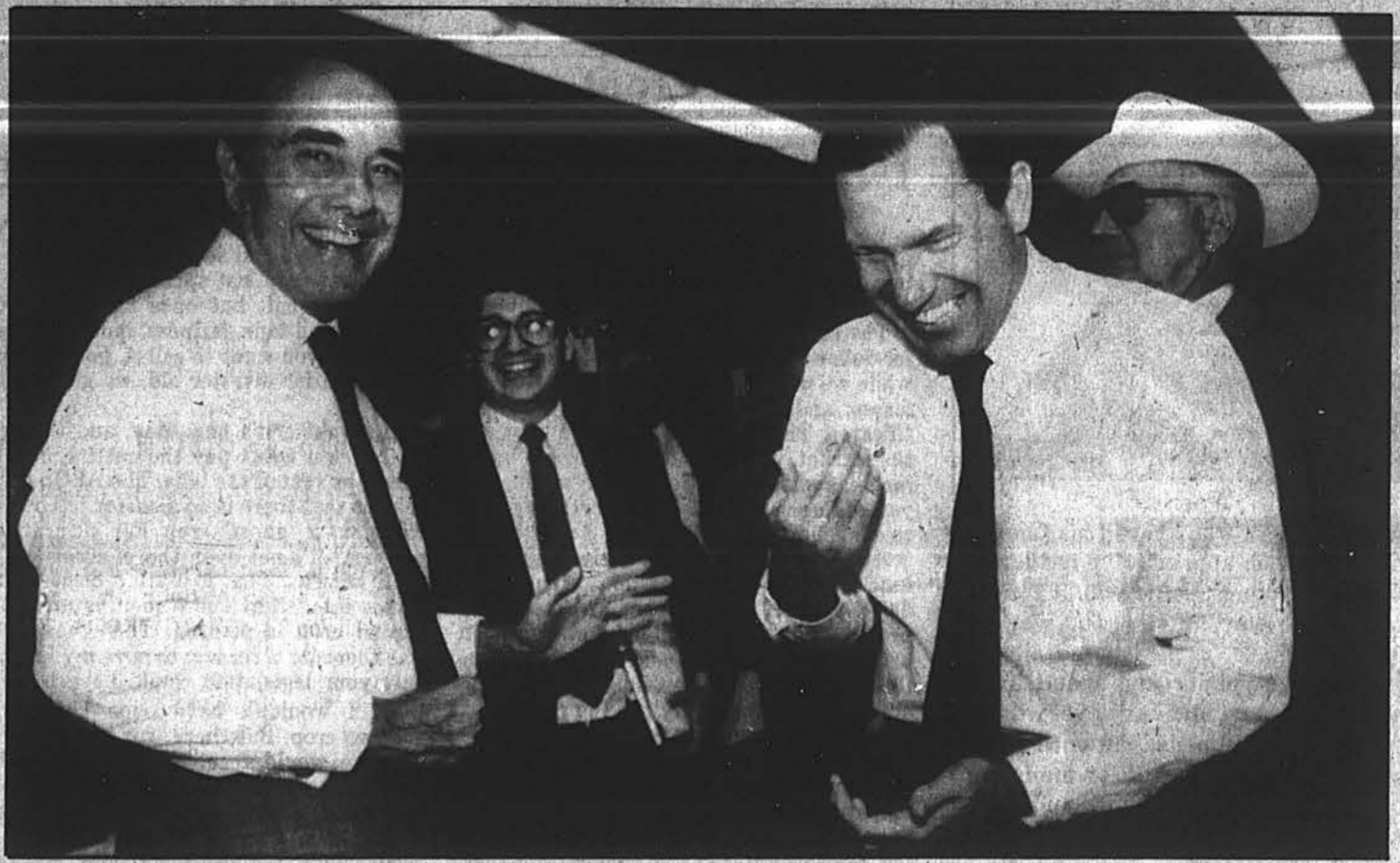
"He (Bush) emphasized treatment and in Kansas we have increased the number of people receiving treatment by over 4,000 a year over the past two years," Hayden said in a statement.

"In Kansas, we have made over 40 grants to local sheriff and police departments in the past two years," Hayden said. "The Bush administration promises to double this program in the years ahead."

The Bush plan is "very important because now we have commitment from the president," Dole said. "We've had a commitment from the Congress for the last two years on drugs."

"I applaud the president's commitment and his willingness to work with Congress to end this biggest scourge in America," Dole said.

"My view is you don't measure the merit of every program by how much money you spend. The drug problem is a big, big enormous problem. The federal government has a big responsibility. So does the state government, so does the local government. So do parents, so do schools, so do churches, service clubs. Every group you can think of ought to be involved in ending this scourge in America and now getting young people and others off drugs or into treatment centers," Dole said.



Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan. and Gov. Mike Hayden State Fairgrounds Saturday. laugh at a joke before leaving to tour the Kansas

Photo by Sandra Watts

Dole, Hayden visit state fairgrounds

By Chris Doll
The Hutchinson News

Gov. Mike Hayden and Kansas Sen. Bob Dole spent Saturday afternoon touring the Kansas State Fairgrounds and answering constituents' questions.

Dole said he tried to attend the fair every year in order to meet constituents.

"I think I've only missed one (fair) in the last 25 years," Dole said.

Dole answered a question about his abortive attempt for the presidency by saying Iowa, a key primary election state, needed more farmers like those in Kansas.

He also answered questions about legislation declaring war on drugs. He said the United States should have a stronger military presence in South America.

"You need hundreds (of military personnel) down there. Not just a few," he said.

Dole spent about four hours at the fair. He departed at about 3 p.m., saying he had to study for a "Meet the Press" appearance on television today.

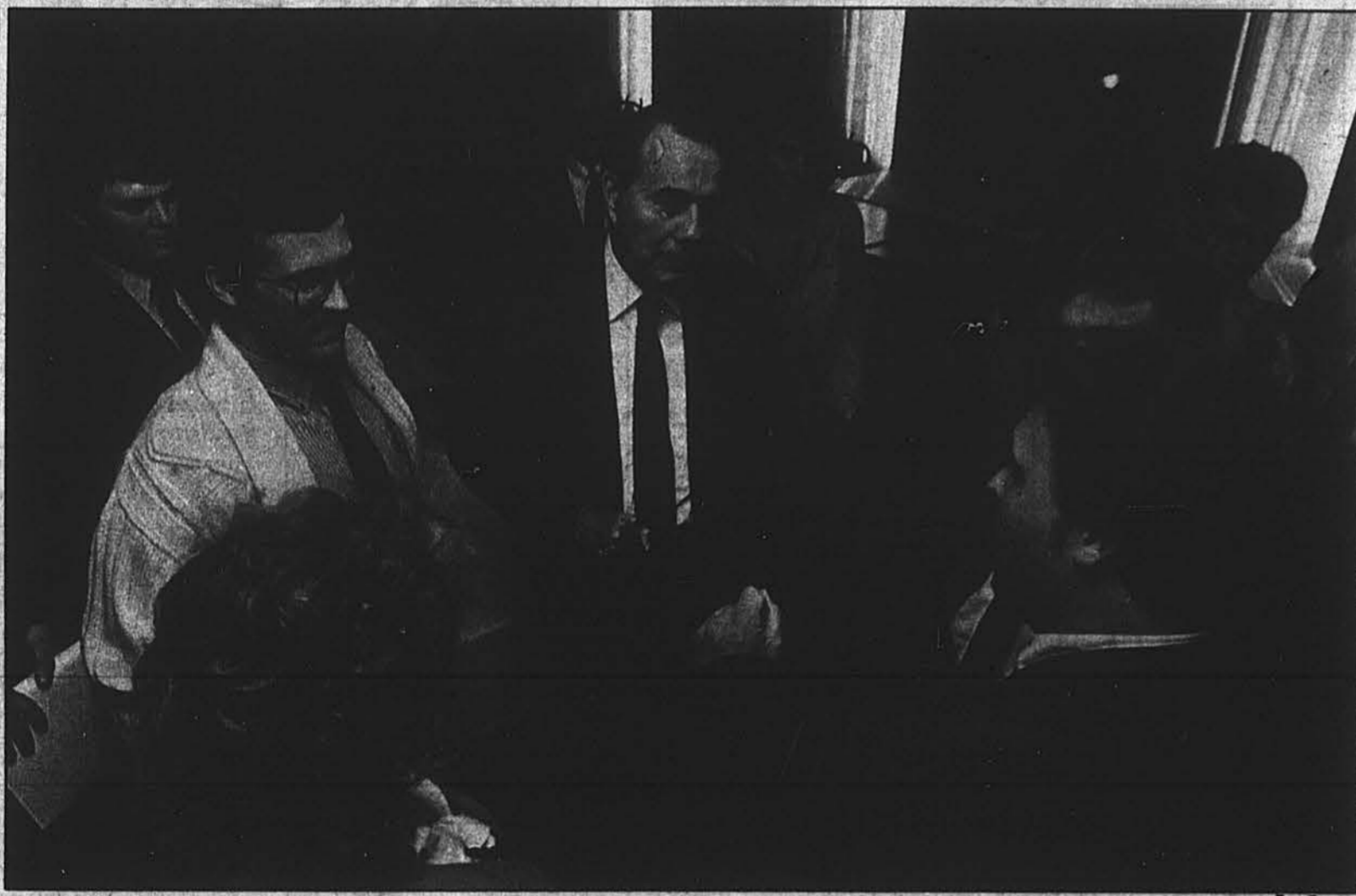
Hayden split his time between giving and receiving awards.

Two of the three companies Hayden awarded for their records of hiring veterans were from Hutchinson. Hutchin-

son's Collins Industries employees 536 workers, 73 of whom are veterans. The company makes buses and emergency vehicles. Singleton-Joyce Services, Hutchinson, employees 24 workers, four of whom are veterans. The company manufactures optical lenses.

The other company awarded, Combustion Engineers, is in Concordia.

Hayden and Dole also toured the Swine Building, which fair board members hope will be granted state money for renovation. An estimate of the renovation has not been calculated, but the project is expected to take two years to complete.



Tom Dorsey

Sen. Bob Dole answers questions Sunday after meeting with Riley County residents concerned about expansion of Fort Riley.

Dole, Army official discuss Fort Riley

By MARISA DANIELS
Staff Writer

JUNCTION CITY — Leonardville farmer Bill Hansen wakes up every day wondering if the land he farms will be lost to the government in five years for expansion of Fort Riley.

"I'm in limbo," Hansen said Sunday. "I just want to know one way or the other whether I will still have my land, so I can get on with my business."

Hansen was one of eight Riley County landowners who voiced concerns Sunday to an Army official and Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., about the possible expansion of Fort Riley.

Army Secretary Michael Stone was in Junction City Sunday to visit nearby Fort Riley. Sunday afternoon, he discussed the expansion with leaders of two opposition groups during a meeting in Junction City.

The meeting was arranged by Dole. Stone will tour Fort Leavenworth today with Dole and Gov. Mike Hayden.

"The key word is 'alternatives,'" Stone said during the meeting. "We're just now getting to the point where we need to look at alternatives."

Dole agreed with Stone that other options should be studied before land is taken.

"We must look at all the alternatives before we make a judgment," Dole said after the meeting.

Fort Riley officials had asked to expand the fort by 83,000 acres. But after a recent Army study, the request was increased to 103,000 acres.

The request must be approved by the Army and funding must be approved by Congress before officials can begin planning expansion of the 100,000-acre fort. The land might not be adjacent to the fort but could be within an hour's drive of the fort.

The expansion could take three to five years, and several thousand landowners could lose their land.

Stone said the expansion is needed because the

Army's larger, faster and longer-range equipment requires more space to maneuver.

Also, if an arms reduction treaty between the United States and the Soviet Union is agreed upon, nearly 20,000 soldiers stationed in West Germany might be returned to bases in the United States, he said. Training area at Fort Riley and other bases would need expansion to accommodate the troops.

The fort is one of three bases in the United States where the Reserve Officers Training Corps train. The base is crowded with training corps members for up to three months a year.

Nearly 1,000 Riley County rural landowners have banded together in two opposition groups to fight against losing their farms.

About 350 rural families belong to a group that calls itself "Preserve the Flint Hills." Headed by Keith Ascher, a rural Junction City farmer, the group is fighting to keep their land south of

(See Dole, Page 7)



OWING BRACK, BLACK STAR

FAMILY: Sen. Dole, with Elizabeth, left, daughter Robin

Q: Why don't we hear more about Sen. Robert Dole's former marriage and the four or five children he's supposed to have? Compared with the way the gossip columns evaluate politicians, why do they leave him alone?

—Chris Wiseman, Yonkers, N.Y.

A: What gossip column did you read that in? There's only one child from Dole's first marriage: Robin, 35, a daughter. The Republican senator from Kansas married physiotherapist Phyllis Holden in 1948; they divorced in January 1972. On Dec. 6, 1975, Dole married Elizabeth Hanford; it was her first marriage. And while Phyllis Dole complained about the financial settlement at the time of the divorce, the two have since reconciled enough for her to say they're friends.

Dole

(Continued from Page 1)

the fort.

The other group, "Preserve Rural America," is made up of about 500 rural farm families. The group is working to keep land north of the post from the government. It is headed by Jay Copeland, an insurance agent and farmer in northern Riley County.

The two groups have acquired about 1,500 signatures on a petition opposing the expansion. They are seeking 15,000 signatures.

"There's the misconception that this is a desert," Hansen said. "But this is prime farmland."

Hansen said his group contacted eight other bases across the country that are considering expansion. The others would be expanded into

desert, swamp or other types of non-agricultural land.

Stone said there might be alternatives for expansion instead of land acquisition.

One option would be to transport troops and equipment to other bases for maneuvers, at a cost of about \$3 million for each training mission, Stone said.

Another option would be the use of simulators to train troops, which would not require as much space.

Copeland is pushing for the simulator option.

"I'm not opposed to the expansion, if the expansion could be done by the use of simulators and not cost me to lose one acre of land," Copeland said.

"We can put a man on the moon who's never been there before by using a simulator. Why can't they use simulators to train troops?"