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Bob Dole Will Introduce Former President Ford

United States Senator Robert J. Dole will introduce former president Gerald R. Ford Monday, Aug. 20, when Ford speaks in Abilene. The introduction will be made exactly 14 years from the day Dole introduced Ford in Russell.



BOB DOLE

Ford's visit to Kansas will be a featured part of the Eisenhower Centennial Celebration which started last winter and continues through Oct. 14, the date that Dwight D. Eisenhower, president from 1953 until 1960, would have been 100 years of age. Eisenhower died in 1969.

Ford's speech, titled "A Tribute to Eisenhower," will be presented at 1:30 p.m. on the front porch of Eisenhower's boyhood home at the Eisenhower Center.

Ford is being brought to Abilene by Richard Norton Smith, now of Abilene, interim director of the Eisenhower Center, and the National Archives. Smith is director of the Herbert Hoover Library at West Branch, Iowa.

Ford is scheduled to arrive in Abilene at 10 a.m. Monday. He will meet with the media at 10:40 a.m. in the Eisenhower Library and at 11 a.m. he will speak to 160 invited scholars.

At noon the former Republican president will be a guest at a private luncheon in the Eisenhower Library Courtyard. The Abilene Municipal Band will play during the luncheon.

To Lay Wreath
After Ford's 1:30 p.m. address, he will lay a wreath on Eisenhower's tomb in The Place of Meditation at the west end of the Eisenhower complex. Eisenhower and his wife Mamie and

out Nixon's second term.

Almost Loses Nomination
Ford almost lost the Republican nomination for the presidency in 1976. He was challenged at the National Convention in Kansas City, Mo., by former California governor Ronald Reagan, who almost became the party's choice. Reagan was the favorite of the conservative wing of the party.

The next day after his nomination, Ford picked Bob Dole to be his running mate. Dole was serving his second term in the Senate, and earlier, during the Nixon years, had been national chairman of the Republican Party.

Dole made Ford promise that they would come to Russell to launch their campaign.
So, the following day, on March 20, 1976, Ford and Dole stood on a platform in the front yard of the Russell County Courthouse and accepted their party's nominations.

Dole Introduces Ford
Dole, with tears in his eyes and surrounded by thousands of his friends, introduced Ford as "the next president of the United States." The two also were surrounded by dignitaries from throughout the state, including then governor Robert Bennett.

But a second term for Ford and the vice-presidency for Dole were not in the cards. The two were defeated by Jimmy Carter from Georgia. Carter was a former governor of his state and a peanut farmer.

Many attribute Ford's defeat to the fact that he pardoned Nixon. (Continued to Page 4)

Justice to Probe Gas Price Gouging

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By DAN CARMICHAEL
WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Justice Department said Monday it will investigate allegations that U.S. oil companies are capitalizing on Middle East turmoil by inflating gasoline prices when market factors do not justify such action.

Accusations of unjustified increases, or price gouging, touched off an avalanche of angry reaction from consumers and lawmakers, one of whom asked the Justice Department to determine if there was illegal "collusive activity among oil refiners, wholesalers and retailers."

In a letter to Attorney General Dick Thornburgh, Senate Republican leader Robert Dole of Kansas said, "Price-gouging is a harsh term, but it is a term that seems to most aptly describe the situation we are now witnessing."

Dole said gasoline prices in some areas "have risen by as much as 25 cents per gallon — all in a matter of a few days."

Raising concern about the overall state of the economy, Dole said "If antitrust violations have anything to do with the soaring prices at the gas pumps, these violations should be identified and remedied without delay."



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James Rill, assistant attorney general for antitrust, said in a statement that the Justice Department "will look closely for any indication that these increases may be the result of anti-competitive activity."

Rill did not say what steps the Justice Department would take.

The Energy Department, which monitors commercial oil markets, promised to cooperate with the Justice Department review of gasoline price hikes that followed Iraq's invasion of Kuwait on Thursday.

And Transportation Secretary

Samuel Skinner urged all transportation-related companies "not to overreact to events in the Middle East. I trust they will act responsibly."

The American Petroleum Institute declined to speculate on the matter, but suggested that several factors could drive up prices.

For instance, the institute said many independent gasoline wholesalers and retailers buy their products on the international spot market, where prices can be less predictable than markets utilizing long-term strategies and possibly more sensitive to events in the oil-rich Persian Gulf.

Meanwhile, Sen. Richard Bryan, D-Nev., said he would hold a hearing Tuesday on a "feeding frenzy" and "price-gouging" by "the big oil companies."

Bryan said, "Our stockpile of oil is at the highest level in eight years. There is no supply shortage to justify these price increases."

Bryan said his Senate Commerce, science and transportation subcommittee had invited top oil company executives to testify, including the chief executives of Texaco, Mobile, Exxon, Chevron, Shell, Atlantic Richfield, Occidental Petroleum and Phillips Petroleum.

It was not known which companies, if any, would appear, Bryan said.

Bryan's consumer subcommittee also is interested in the matter, if any, of fuel surcharges being added to some airline tickets.

Conn., estimated that American consumers are paying between \$12 million and \$42 million extra each day for gasoline because of oil company "profitsteering" from the Middle East crisis.

Gas prices have shot up nationwide, Lieberman said, and "none of that price increase is justified. It is a multimillion-dollar ripoff of the American consumer."

American oil companies are using the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait as an excuse "to invade the pockets of American consumers" by unjustified increases in gasoline prices, Lieberman said. He said President Bush should call on major oil companies to roll back their price hikes.

Sen. Donald Riegle, D-Mich., said: "I think it's essential that the president be tough as nails on this issue. This is price-fixing, pure and simple."

Lieberman, Bryan and Riegle — who appeared together at a news conference — all said that the American economy is extremely vulnerable to the effects of gasoline price shocks and could be pushed into a recession.

Lieberman, who on Friday asked Bush to convene an emergency task force on oil prices, said Monday that 17 senators had since signed his letter. Lieberman said he had received no reaction from the White House.

Bob Dole—

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Dole, who has been on a week's trip to Oregon, Nebraska, Hawaii and California, is scheduled to arrive in Kansas City at noon Saturday. He is in California today.

Dole to Attend Meeting
From 1:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dole will attend the Republican Party State Meeting, scheduled at the Riverview Inn at Kansas City, Kan. This is his only scheduled activity for the weekend, Sarah Belden, his press secretary in Washington, D.C., said today.

Dole will arrive at the Salina Airport at 9:40 a.m. Monday and depart Abilene for Washington, D.C., at 5:30 p.m.

Marcie Adler, special assistant to Senator Dole and a daughter of Grace Wilson of Russell, is not expected to be in Kansas during the weekend for either the Republican Party meeting or the Dole appearance in Abilene.

To Return to Kansas
Dole will return to Kansas again on Saturday, Aug. 25, for the dedication in Lawrence of the Dole Center on the campus of The University of Kansas. The dedication will be at 9 a.m. at the human development center to be named in his honor.

Also scheduled at Abilene next Monday is a parade, at 4 p.m. Senator Nancy Kassebaum, who spoke to Republicans at the Elks Lodge here Friday night, is scheduled to appear in the parade.

The only other scheduled activity at Abilene Monday is the opening of the Central Kansas Free Fair.

When Ford picked Dole to run with him in August, 1976, the Russell community had less than 48 hours to get ready for their visit, and several of those who prepared for the event were contacted by The Salina Journal Thursday. They were asked if a contingent of Russell people

planned to make the trip to Abilene Monday to greet the senator. Those receiving the calls were Russell T. Townsley, Everett L. Dumler, Dean C. and Aldean Banker and Police Chief Bob Tyler.

No Plans for Delegation
The Daily News, in phone calls today to as many of these people as the newspaper could reach, was advised there was no organized effort to send a delegation to Abilene.

Kay Homewood, Russell County Republican Central Committee chairman, said she was not organizing a group and it would be impossible for her to make the trip.

Glenda Finke, executive vice-president of the Russell Area Chamber of Commerce, said the chamber is not organizing for a trip. "There could be some Ambassadors get together and make the trip," she stated.

Surprised at the News
Kenneth D. Dole and his wife Anita were surprised to hear that his brother was to be in Abilene Monday. "We knew nothing about these plans, and neither have we heard anything about a possible trip to Russell by Bob over the weekend," they said.

Former President Richard Nixon is scheduled to be a speaker at the Eisenhower Center in Abilene on Sept. 8 and President George Bush has been asked to speak the last day of the celebration, on Ike's birthday, Oct. 14. Confirmation that Bush will be able to be in Abilene, however, has not been received.

Nixon will be accompanied by his daughter, Julie, and her husband, David Eisenhower.

Late this afternoon, Dean Banker advised The News that a caravan of Ambassadors will make the trip to Abilene Monday to honor Dole and to witness his introduction of Ford.

Banker said the cars of Ambassadors, both men and women, need not leave here at the same time. He did, however, encourage those planning to make the trip to leave Russell by 10 a.m.

"The traffic on the interstate may be heavy," Banker stated, "and it won't hurt to get an early start."

He said the Russell group will have a sign that will read: "Russell, Aug. 20, 1976."

Banker urged the Ambassadors to either wear their Ambassador outfit, a '76 T-shirt, a Ford-Dole ticket or a Ford-Dole button.

He said that he has been advised by the powers on the

Magazine Readers Want Dole to Run

By United Press International
The first woman president should be Labor Secretary Elizabeth Dole, according to a survey of McCall's magazine readers. Dole, wife of Sen. Robert Dole, R-Kan., had 25 percent of the support while Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kan., had 15.5 percent. Rep. Pat Schroeder, D-Colo., polled 15 percent, with Texas Democratic gubernatorial nominee Ann Richards getting 7 percent and Nebraska Gov. Kay Orr, a Republican, and California Democratic gubernatorial choice Dianne Feinstein taking 5 percent each. "I am convinced that in my lifetime a woman will break through the political glass ceiling and be elected president," Dole said when told of the poll.