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Dole Predicts Battle

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen-ate Republican leader Robert unless the president certifies that Dole acknowledged Friday that China has made changes in its

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Senate Democratic leader "So this question will not be

George Mitchell introduced legis- determined on the basis of who

lation Thursday that would ex- will defend the Chinese govern-

not the issue.

human rights, trade and arms

Bush has to notify Congress by

June 2 wheather he recommends

extending MFN for one year and

Congress would have 60 days to

dissaprove. The current MFN for

China ends July 3. Without it, China would face tariffs and

other barriers to trade with the

China exported about \$15 bil-lion in goods to the United States

last year, a 20-percent jump, and had a \$4 billion balance-of-trade

In his speech, Dole said MFN

for China will be "one of the niost

important debates and deci-

sions" of the current Congress. He said it should not become a

"Let's be clear," Dole said.

"No one is happy with Chinese

policies in the areas cited (by

"the policies in the areas cited (by Mitchell)," and no one can

ignore "the strong evidence that the human rights has improved

ment, and who will criticize the

government," Dole said. "That is

the 1992 election cycle.

United States.

Over China's MFN

ate Republican leader Robert Dole acknowledged Friday that President Bush faces an "uphill

"I'm not going to try and kid anyone." Dole said in a Senate

speech. "Those of us who will

support the president, and I will,

have an uphill fight."

But Dole said those who sup-

port Bush will have one big

advantage: "I think if we stick to

the real issues, we will have the

best arguments, the common-

sense arguments, on our side."

White House indicated it might

not have the votes to extend MFN

for China unconditionally when

press secretary Marlin Fitzwater

said Bush would consider adding

Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif.,

added to the administration's

problems Friday when he offered

"moment" that Bush notifies

Congress that the trade status

should be continued for a year.

"This year, the yeas and nays

tend MFN status for six months

MFN," Cranston said.

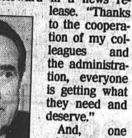
Dole spoke a day after the

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rights record.

fight" in persuading Congress to policies extend most-favored-nation trade Bush

more and more like candidate



And, one might add, so is Bob Dole's 1992 campaign for re-election.

Late year, rumors flew that a weary Dole, frustrated by

the budget imbroglio, was grumbling about retirement after 24

But although the 67-year-old Republican still insists he hasn't made up his mind, the talk in political circles is that Dole has done every-

Three major fund-raisers this spring have boosted his campaign fund to almost \$2 million. His schedule of speeches, parades and conferences in the state included three round-trip flights between Washington and Kansas in just one six-day stretch in April.

And his high-profile championing of causes near to Kansans' hearts, from grain credits for the Soviets to jobs for Kansans in Kuwait, has helped make Dole look very much like a 1992 candidate.

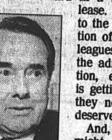
"I'd say the chances of Dole run-

Dole acts

By Angelia Herrin Eagle Washington bureau

WASHINGTON - With a flourish that only a master politician like Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole can muster, the Senate recently found itself halting debate on aid for Kurdish refugees to get Dole's assurances that aid for Kansas tornado victims was on its way.

"I'm all for Kurdish relief, but I'm also for Kansas relief," Dole announced afterward in a news re-



Being aggressive: Kuwaiti envoy offers business tips.

years in the Senate. "I don't know, I'm going to be taking a look at it.' Dole said repeatedly when asked about a re-election bid.

thing but cut the ribbon at campaign headquarters.

ning look like 98 or 99 percent," said Bill Taggart, former Dole aide and Washington lobbyist.

"I'm hearing a lot of interest

support, but of course, nobody

is better at raising Washington

U.S. Rep. Dan Glickman, D-Wichita

from people about financial

money than Bob Dole."

Hutchinson News Saturday, May 18, 1991 Page 5 Dole calls for action on export-credits plan

By Ray Hemman

The sooner the House of Representatives sends a message to the White House on granting grain export credits to the Soviets, the better, Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., said

Earlier this week, the Senate passed on a 70-28 vote, a nonbinding resolution that urges the administration to make \$1.5 billion worth of credit available to the Soviets to purchase farm commodities from the United States.

T've talked to Secretary (Ed) Madigan a couple times, once by phone, and I saw him when the queen was addressing a joint session (of Congress)," Dole said Friday during his weekly tele-

phone press conference with Kan-sas media. "He said he was working with the House side, specifically with Chairman (Kika) de la Garza (D-Texas). They didn't care for a lot of the rhetoric on foreign policy. Well, I said it was needed to get it

passed with a substantial vote. "They probably have the same problem on the House side. Plus, the chairman would like to make it generic and not just cover this one transaction. So the department (USDA) could use it for future requests from other countries."

... I think Madigan's view is that he'd like something from both the House and the Senate."

Dole said Madigan was pleased with the Senate resolution. The Senate action clarifies the intent of Congress when it passed language in the 1990 farm bill that required port credit customers to be "credit-worthy."

"What we tried to do in our resolution was, first of all, to make have a lot of options. ...

a statement to those who believe in independence for the Baltics," he said. "I certainly do. Make a statement that we believe in freedom and democracy in the Soviet republics. Make a statement that we want to make sure there's proper distribution and fair distri-bution of any food aid. That's been a hang-up with me, and the Soviet central government has given me assurances that will happen.

"Finally, we want to get repaid. So what we tried to do is to clarify what was meant in the 1990 farm bill where it, in effect, said you've got to be credit-worthy. Well, what does that mean? We never said. We tried to outline - your past payment performance, your total as-sets — sort of guidelines so the secretary of agriculture could make an appropriate finding."

Also during the press conference, Dole said he knew of no new developments in the Obee cleanup efforts. Earlier this week, officials with Union Equity Cooperative Exchange in Enid, Okla., said that the specter of cleanup costs in the Obee area is holding up a stock-for-facilities transaction between the cooperative and Harvest States Cooperative of St. Paul, Minn.

The transaction would trade Harvest State stock for 10 elevators Union Equity currently owns. Ground water in the 4th and Airport Road area in the Obee School area has been found to be polluted.

Dole said it did not appear entirely fair to him that current owners can be made to pay for the environmental sins of past owners.

"If you just ask my candid opinion, it doesn't seem fair to me to say somebody that's totally innocent to go in and pick part of the tab (for cleanup)," he said. "But on the other hand, the EPA doesn't

"The real issues are: One, how do we nudge China in the right directions on these important questions? Do we do that through a policy of economic isolation and deprivation? Or do we instead opt for continued engagement, combined with a strong and consistent diplomacy that makes clear to Beijing our strong opposition to some of their

policies? "And, two, how do we balance conflicting interests? Some very real and important economic considerations, which suggest a continuation of MFN, vs. a gesture to show our disapproval of Chinese policies."

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Kuwaiti offers businesses little hope

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Dole backs

China trade

Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., on Friday strongly backed President George

Bush's push to renew most-favored-

dorsed Bush's contention the 1.1 bil-

lion Chinese in the world's most pop-

ulous nation can't and shouldn't be

isolated and ignored by the United

able to tell other countries how to

conduct themselves" in the future,

Dole replied to those in Congress

who contend the slaughter of free-

dom-seeking Chinese in Tiananmen

Square 23 months ago shouldn't be

rewarded with tariff breaks and im-

He agreed the Beijing government

has a "terrible" civil rights record,

and said "we might be able to find

some common ground" if all the na-

tions of the world would unite to

bring moral and economic pressure

to bear in an attempt at long-range

Dole indicated he doubts the Unit-

ed States can exert much influence

He pointed out the Chinese sup-

ported United Nations action against

Iraq. And, "they buy quite a bit of

grain from us, and we've got oppor-

tunities for markets there.

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unilaterally.

"I'm not certain we're going to be

The Senate Republican leader en-

Bush on

By GENE SMITH The Capital-Journal

nation status for China.

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Al-Sabah: Road trip best guarantee of securing contracts

By Mark Fagan The Hutchinson News

WICHITA — Small businesses interested in helping rebuild warravaged Kuwait should hurry up and buy their plane tickets now, lest they be passed up by their more aggressive competitors, Kuwait's ambassador to the U.S. said Saturday morning.

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Ambassador Saud Nasir Al-Sabah said he deeply appreciated the tens of thousands of business proposals his country has re-ceived for its \$25 million reconstruction, but suggested that Kansas businesses get together, form a "consortium" and send a unified delegation to the Kuwait.

Otherwise, he said, there isn't

much hope.

"It is difficult for us to deal with all the different businesses in each state," he said at a morning news conference. "You need to go to Kuwait. You cannot sit back in Kansas and expect the Kuwaitis to come knock down your door. ...Do not sit back and wait, or you will be outraced by

everyone."
About 280 businessmen and

Dole discusses export credit in interview

By Ray Hemman

WASHINGTON, D.C. -Kansas has two of the better known senators in the nation. Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., is in his 30th year in Washington and serves as Senate minority

Nancy Landon Kassebaum, R-Kan., was the first woman to serve in the Senate who was elected in her own right. She has gone on to create a reputa-tion as an independent-minded

The News decided to meet with both senators in their offices away from Kansas on Capitol Hill. Transcripts of the Dole interview runs today. The Kassebaum interview will be published Monday.



Sen. Robert Dole

In his interview, which is featured on Page 5, Dole showed equal aplomb for dealing with apparatus. Chief on Dole's mind

on May 8 was the controversy in the Senate over issuing \$1.5 bil-lion in credit to the Soviet Union for buying farm com-modities.

The export credit situation for the Soviets was difficult for Dole. Earlier this year, Dole went on record opposing further credits to the Soviets because of their harsh treatment of in-dependence-minded Soviet re-publics.

Dole has since received as-surances that the central government in the Kremlin was not using grain as a tool to keep wayward republics in line.

The state's senior senator The state's senior senator also discussed his political past and gave a glimpse about his political future. His decision on whether to run for another Senate term involves far more than who his challenger might

Reconstruction Conference, sponsored by the Small Business Administration and Sen. Bob Dole, R.Kansas.

Most of the business op-portunities in Kuwait, the ambassador said, are in the private sector — helping renovate homes and businesses that were looted women gathered at Wichita's sector — helping renovate homes
Airport Hilton for the first ever and businesses that were looted
— and possibly the last — Kuwait and pillaged during the Iraqi oc-

cupation. Large-scale construc-tion is not needed, but materials and other supplies from U.S.

That's because the Iraqis took everything that wasn't bolted down. Most of the country's buildings are intact, he said, but everything else is gone — all the

chairs and blackboards in schools, computers from offices, and 40,000 new cars off dealer parking

"We need everything from chewing gum to airplanes," he said. "There is no specific thing I can say to you. We need everything, from A to Z."

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Kansas Republicans, watching the Dole barnstorming, concur. "Trying to stop a Dole campaign now would be like standing in front of an M-1 tank," one Kansas Republican said. "Maybe Dan (Glickman) ought to think twice before printing up those Senate bumper stickers.

The specter of a challenge from Glickman, the energetic Democratic House member from Wichita, may have helped Dole focus on re-election. Glickman, who has made his own fund-raising forays to San Francisco and New York this spring, says he'll decide "soon enough" about chal-

lenging Dole.

"I'm hearing a lot of interest from people about financial support, but of course, nobody is better at raising Washington money than Bob Dole," said Glickman, who estimates his own campaign fund at \$300,000. "Meanwhile,

I'm pursuing my agenda, and he is pursuing his."

Aides to Dole, who says he'll make a decision by Labor Day, insist Glickman has little to do with the recent performance by

"What you're seeing is a very savvy senator, a guy who knows the realities and responsibilities he has," said Walt Riker, Dole's

press secretary. "He's not doing anything unusual, but of course, he is covering all the bases: He knows if he is going to run, he is going to have to be ready."

But Dole never misses a chance to publicly tweak Glickman. For instance, asked last week if he backed Glickman's bill to turn the Z-Bar Ranch into a national park. Dole said he a national park, Dole said he hadn't looked at it. "I've been worried more about the tornado damage and helping the victims," Dole said. "There are a lot of national parks floating around. It's not a big deal."

for the administration this winter when the Senate narrowly approved the president's request for use of force in the Persian Gulf. And with the president's popularity soaring, there is also an improved chance that Republicans could rebuild their majority in the Senate and Dole could regain his majority leader title. "It's not that I don't like what I'm doing. I'd just like it more as majority leader," Dole told a National Association of Manufacturers meeting recently.

The political outlook in the Senate may also have something to do with Dole's renewed enthu-

siasm for a re-election campaign.

Dole scored an important victory

When Dole does open a campaign, he'll have plenty of cash on hand. In the past two weeks, Dole raised more than \$700,000 at fund-raisers in Washington and New York. His 1992 committee, which started the year with \$400,000, also raised another \$300,000 at a Washington event in April.

In addition, Dole has \$980,776 left from his 1986 campaign — money that earned \$60,000 in inin Wichita and Riggs National Bank in Washington, D.C., last year alone. That money is available for the 1992 campaign, although Dole aide Riker said a portion may be needed to settle a debt with the Federal Election Committee left from Dole's 1988 presidential bid.

The frenzy of fund-raising could certainly point to a Dole campaign — and to efforts to scare off any contenders with the size of his war chest. Dole told reporters recently that he didn't feel bad asking political action committees for money, even if he still is undecided.

"I told them if I didn't run,

we'd give it to the Red Cross," Dole's wife, Elizabeth, is presi-

dent of the American Red Cross.