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## Dole opposes embargo, quick base closings

### Kassebaum may head to KU

By Ray Hemman

As debate begins on a bill to end U.S. compliance with the embargo on Bosnia, Sen. Bob Dole said America must be out front on the issue.

The Kansas Republican has sponsored legislation that would end U.S. participation in the United Nations embargo on Bosnia.

"I don't care what the British or the French say, I think the United States ought to take the high moral ground and say, 'OK. We're not going to do anything to help you, but you ought to be able to help yourselves. You are an independent nation. You are a member of the United Nations. You are entitled to self-defense under Article 51.' I would hope we could pass it. We've got good bipartisan support," Dole said.

Dole's comments came Friday during a telephone press conference with Kansas journalists. More than 30 senators have cosponsored the legislation, including a dozen Democrats.

Both sides have predicted the vote on Dole's proposal will be close. The debate is expected to continue early next week.

Dole also said talk of closing Fort Riley in northeast Kansas did not arise from the facility's limited space. In the early 1990s, the Army gave serious consideration to expanding the base, saying it was too small for full-scale maneuvers of today's equipment.

A grass-roots effort by farmers and other landowners in north central Kansas — where the expansion was expected to have occurred — killed talk of a larger fort.

"We are told that (expansion) is not going to be necessary," Dole said. "I don't think the additional land is a factor (in any base closure decision). I think they've

got enough maneuvering room. That wasn't even raised."

The senator said he would like to see some actual dollar savings from the bases that already have been closed. Once savings are realized, use that money to proceed with base closings.

"We've been closing bases for years, and there's still not \$1 of savings out of \$17 or \$18 billion spent," he said. "This next round is another \$7 to \$8 billion, which we don't have. We have to take it out of other defense areas."

Those other areas relate directly to the nation's ability to fight a war.

"We're taking it right out of preparedness and readiness, research and development, technology," he said. "It's our view we ought to slow down a minute. We are going to close bases. Every one knows that — maybe even Fort Riley. We hope not. We think we can make a good case. But waiting two years, in my view, would be a wise thing to do."

Dole also urged the U.S. Department of Agriculture to be "aggressive" in seeking sales of grain to Russia. The nation currently is late on certain interest payments on previous sales of grain, making it ineligible for further credit sales until the payments are made.

Even if Russia cannot make credit purchases currently, the USDA needs to have "packages" of grain sales ready to offer to the former Soviet republic.

"If we are not aggressive, they will go elsewhere," he said.

The senator said that he did not want to see the Export Enhancement Program ended. The program subsidizes most grain sales being made by the United States.

"I don't want to see the Export Enhancement Program leave," Dole said. "I know there is going to be some pressures that we don't need it anymore — we have a level playing field. I'm not certain that's the case. I think we need to retain the Export En-

hancement Program.

"Secondly, we did meet with the Russians yesterday or the day before yesterday in my office, about six of them. They are in the market. They're over (in America) looking. They need hard red winter wheat. They've got a few little credit problems to work out. I think they are in arrears on one interest payment. Then they are trying to work out credit arrangements with a private bank in the Russian Republic."

The Senate minority leader said he believes the Russians will comply with all requirements of the credit program. If they can't buy American, they will buy elsewhere, he added.

Dole also said he had read somewhere that Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kan., might be in line for the top job at the University of Kansas if current Chancellor Gene Budig becomes president of the American League.

"Nancy Kassebaum does a good job," he said. "I hope to keep her here."

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## Quayle sorry for misquoting Dole

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former Vice President Dan Quayle, whose verbal gaffes made him the butt of many a joke, has apologized for misquoting Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole in his just-published memoir.

"I am truly sorry for the inaccuracy," Quayle wrote to Dole, a potential adversary in the 1996 Republican presidential race.

Quayle, on a 36-city tour to promote the book "Standing Firm," attributed the error to garble in a newspaper article he read while doing research.

In the section on the 1988 presidential campaign and his surprise August selection as George Bush's running mate, Quayle wrote, "While I was at church, some members of my own party were zinging me on the national talk shows."

"When Bob Dole was told that Senator John Heinz of Pennsylvania had made supportive remarks about me, he responded, 'I'll bet he was chauffeured to kindergarten, too.'"

In parentheses, Quayle added: "Remarks like this are one reason Bob Dole has never moved from the Senate to the White House."

Last week, Dole read over the excerpt and fired off a letter to Quayle, saying that "the passage concerning me on pages 44-45 is not accurate."



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Dole, R-Kan., said he checked transcripts of an August 1988 appearance on NBC's "Meet The Press" — Quayle's reference to the "national talk shows" — and found no such comment.

In an Aug. 22, 1988, story in the Los Angeles Times, however, Dole did utter the kindergarten quote, but he was referring to Bush, not to Quayle. The quote came during Dole's bruising primary battle against Bush for the GOP presidential nomination.

In a letter Thursday to Dole, Quayle said the mistake was traced to "a garbled version of the Los Angeles Times article which you referenced."

"The error I made will be corrected in future printings of the book and in paperback editions," Quayle wrote.

He also praised Dole for his emotional eulogy at former President Nixon's funeral and mentioned a get-together with Republican senators in the fall. The two shared a flight after Nixon's funeral.

## In New Hampshire, Dole looks like '96 candidate

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## Dole, Kassebaum divided on arms embargo in Bosnia

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Kansas' two Republican senators are at odds over a proposal that the United States unilaterally lift the arms embargo in the war-torn republics of what was once Yugoslavia.

The Senate this week is expected to consider the proposal by Minority Leader Bob Dole to end the two-year-old embargo, imposed by the United Nations. Dole contends the embargo is illegal and is preventing the Bosnian Muslims from defending themselves against Serb aggressors.

"The Bosnians don't want American troops," Dole said. "They merely ask for the weapons to defend themselves and their homes."

Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, a senior member of the Foreign Relations Committee, said she opposes any move by the United States to lift the embargo alone.

"I think it sets a dangerous precedent," Kassebaum said.

The embargo, she said, was imposed on Yugoslavia, whose army now largely comprises the Serb forces that have pummeled cities such as Sarajevo and Gorazde.

"They clearly have an advantage, but if the embargo's lifted, there's

going to be even more equipment going to the Serbs," she said.

Because the embargo was imposed by the U.N., Kassebaum said, the United States should obtain agreements from its allies before going forward.

Yet Dole said lifting the embargo would reduce the need for U.N. peacekeeping forces — and possible American intervention — by enabling the Bosnians to fight for themselves. He said there is little chance for peace and said the U.N. presence has done almost nothing to help the Bosnians.

"We're no clearer to a just and workable agreement than we were a year ago," Dole said in a floor speech.

While the two Kansas Republicans disagree on the embargo, they both criticized President Clinton's handling of the Bosnian strife and other world hot spots, such as Haiti.

## DOLE: New Hampshire activists say his chances are good in 1996

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He spoke at the 50th anniversary Lilac Luncheon, a must-do for aspirants in the past. Later, he was the featured speaker at a forum on health care. By sundown, he was in Nashua, speaking to the state's premier Chamber of Commerce. Most of the time, he was surrounded by the state's top GOP officeholders.

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"He has the luxury of waiting the longest," said Tom Rath, a GOP activist. "Support he has will wait the longest, because it's the most enduring."

Despite his advantages, Dole will have to fight questions about whether he is right for the times.

"He's had his chance," said Joyce Taylor, a Nashua Republican voter, who wants to give the next generation a look.