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# Dole seeking first call on campaign pros

By Richard L. Berke  
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Taking a clear step toward a race for the Republican nomination for president in 1996, Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas said Tuesday that he had instructed his advisers to seek commitments from political strategists and fund-raisers around the country before other candidates locked them up.

Dole emphasized that he had not decided whether to run. But he said he gave the go-ahead for his advisers

to move quickly because he did not want other contenders to get an edge in building organizations, as happened in his bid to wrest the Republican nomination from then-Vice President George Bush in 1988.

While Dole has not assembled a preliminary campaign operation and he described the contacts with strategists as informal, Dole's political action committee, Campaign America, has hired more than a half-dozen field workers in important primary states, including Iowa

and New Hampshire.

"Whether or not I do it, you've got to be prepared," Dole said. "If you're going to get into this thing, you ought not wait until after next year. If you wait until you decide to do it, you may be behind the curve. I've had that happen to me."

As the Senate Republican leader and the most visible Republican in the country, Dole would be viewed as an instant front-runner, particularly since no strong challenger has emerged from the field of Republi-

cans who are considering taking on President Clinton.

Echoing Dole, his advisers said in interviews that he had not made a decision, but several said they believed that he would run.

"Based on what I'm seeing, I think if he had to make the decision today, my guess would be that he'd do it," said Tom Synhorst, an adviser who helped engineer Dole's upset



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over Bush in the 1988 Iowa caucus.

"I think it's 90 percent there," said another close adviser, who would speak only on the condition of not being named.

Dole, 70, said he would decide in February and emphasized that he was far from assembling a formal campaign structure. But he has maintained his network of support through travels around the country for Campaign America on behalf of other candidates.

"We're not out trying to lasso any big fund-raisers, though I've thought of it," he said. "We have a few field men. It's all part of being prepared. I'm not totally naive about all this stuff."

The efforts to build an informal network that could become a presidential campaign are being led by a handful of close advisers, including Synhorst and William Lacy, a top

official in Dole's 1988 campaign.

Synhorst, who runs a telemarketing business in Kansas City, said he had been concentrating on Iowa, where the first caucuses would be held. But he said he had also been contacting political professionals around the country and asking them not to sign up with anyone else.

"We've asked people that have been involved in politics over the years to just hold off until he makes his mind up," Synhorst said. "For the most part, the reception has been very strong."

Lacy said Dole did not want to repeat the mistakes of 1988, when he was blindsided by the organizational prowess of the Bush campaign.

"What some of his friends and supporters and allies have encouraged him to do is to allow them to go out and do a few things on his behalf so, should he choose to run, he'll be in a position from an organizational and strategic sense to do so," Lacy said. "He's basically given us the go-ahead to make those contacts without any commitments."

While Dole said he knew only that he would need to raise "a bundle" next year to wage a serious campaign, one adviser put the figure at \$15 million to \$20 million.

Given his position as a major figure looming over Republican politics, Dole's decision to move forward was likely to greatly affect the calculations of other prospects for the nomination as well as of political professionals who had begun early maneuvering over who they wanted to support.

For months, polls had indicated that Dole was the most popular Republican among national Republican voters and would be the leading contender for the nomination. This would be an unaccustomed position for Dole, who in past campaigns for national office had been an underdog.

## Doles are in demand for speeches and charities have plenty to cheer

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole gave more than \$69,000 in speaking honoraria to charity last year and took nearly two dozen trips paid for by others, according to records released Tuesday.

Dole's wife, Red Cross President Elizabeth Dole, also was in great demand on the speaking circuit, often commanding fees of \$20,000. Much of her income from those speeches went to the Red Cross, the annual financial disclosure forms show.

Forms also were released for Kansas' junior senator, Republican Nancy Kassebaum.

Dole, R-Kan., accepted air travel costs for speaking engagements

from companies such as Archer Daniels Midland, Philip Morris and John Deere; GOP candidates such as Texas Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison; and organizations such as the Jewish Community Relations Bureau in Kansas City, Mo.

His wife listed 33 expense-paid trips for speeches in 1993, some of it paid as an in-kind contribution to a Red Cross program for at-risk youth. The rest went for taxes, a retirement plan and speechwriting expenses.

Dole donated \$69,450 in honoraria to charity last year, including \$41,950 to charities based in Kansas. The largest single beneficiary was the Lakemary Center in Paola, which received \$13,450.

"I'm pleased that some of the

speeches I enjoy making to fine groups can benefit so many needy causes in Kansas," Dole said.

The Foundry United Methodist Church in Washington was given \$13,000.

Since 1981, Dole said he has donated \$908,914 in honoraria to charity.

The Doles listed a variety of stock, bank and real estate investments in addition to the senator's salary of \$148,400. He rents the basement of his home in Russell, and receives an Army pension of \$17,700 annually.

Kassebaum took no trips paid for by others, accepted no gifts and had no honoraria. Kassebaum's annual salary is \$133,600.

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## Who gets the ink? It's Dole — no contest

In the last year, newspaper carriers have thrown around Bob Dole's name more than the name of any other U.S. senator.

Between Jan. 1, 1993, and April 8, 1994, the Senate minority leader was mentioned 26,794 times in 108 metropolitan and regional newspapers, more than twice the media attention received by his closest competitor, Majority Leader George Mitchell.

But look at it this way. He's also the senator whose name was most likely to have come in close contact with dead fish.

Least likely to end up at the bot-

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tom of a canary cage was the name of Tennessee Democrat Harlan Mathews, who received a mere 128 mentions during the 463 days surveyed.

The study was conducted by Richard McKenzie, a professor at the University of California-Irvine and an adjunct fellow of the Center for the Study of American Business at Washington University in St. Louis.

Rounding out the top five after Dole and Mitchell were Edward

Kennedy, Sam Nunn and Daniel Patrick Moynihan, all Democrats.

Among senators from Missouri and Kansas, Jack Danforth of Missouri was 30th with 2,969 mentions, Nancy Kassebaum of Kansas was 43rd with 1,993 and Kit Bond of Missouri was 71st with 1,282.

— James Kuhnhehn

## Dole balks at regulating tobacco industry

By Ray Hemman  
The Hutchinson News

If Kentucky tobacco were first, would Kansas beef be soon to follow?

Before the Clinton administration or Congress jumps off into the arena of regulating the tobacco industry, it needs to know where it might land, said Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan.

"I think it's a question of whether we want to start down that road," Dole said during a telephone press conference Friday with Kansas journalists.

"Tobacco may be addictive and obviously may not be good for you, but then what are we going to do next? What's the next thing on the block? Is beef good for you? Some say it's not. Some say milk's not good for you. Alcohol, certainly. So where do we start and stop the regulations? I just believe that anytime the government gets into the regulating business, whether it's television, radio, whatever, the results aren't going to be very positive."

Dole said that it will be up to

### Senate to tackle Bosnian arms embargo Tuesday

The Justice Department to decide whether the tobacco companies have lied to Congress about nicotine manipulation and other issues.

The Republican leader also said he expected the Senate to vote Tuesday on his amendment to lift the arms embargo on Bosnia.

"All we want to do — myself and Senator (Joseph) Lieberman, a Democrat from Connecticut — is to lift the arms embargo," he said. "There are reports they are getting arms from Iran. There are other reports. We don't want anyone with the British or the French who have troops there to be in harm's way. They can remove their troops. Bosnians just want the right to defend themselves. We think we have the votes to pass the amendment."

Dole said that he was in Sarajevo three weeks ago on the same trip in which he participated in D-Day remembrances at Normandy. He said the Bosnians do

not want U.S. troops but simply the right and the means to defend themselves.

If Dole's amendment passes and the embargo is lifted, the senator said the U.S. should be one of the providers of the weapons, giving America some control over the type of arms sent there.

"Seems to be that if you are going to have a balance of power, you can't have one side with all the weapons and the other side sort of defenseless and expect to reach any sort of settlement," he said. "Others would say, 'Well, if you give Bosnians weapons, you are just escalating the violence.' Well, now all the violence is on one side — it's being imposed on the Bosnian Muslims."

Dole also said during the press conference that if Republicans don't like what they see going on within their own party, they need to change it from within, beginning at the ground level.

During the past several elec-

tions, many individuals aligned with conservative social causes — including anti-abortion and anti-gun control — have become more active on county committees. Some moderate Republicans have complained that the former "big tent" of the party has grown smaller.

The party's leader said anyone who is dissatisfied needs to become active at the local level.

"Last year, there was some talk about forming another Republican Party in Johnson County," he said. "I said that my view is whoever runs for precinct committee man or woman and they win, I don't think anybody else can complain if they didn't want the responsibility. Party responsibility is important. If different people have different views on what philosophy ought to be, they ought to go out and compete at the precinct level. That's how you build a grass roots party."

"If somebody wins and you complain afterwards, 'They won,

They shouldn't be able to do this.' That isn't the way the system works. We don't want any one issue to take over the Republican Party. We are a big, diverse party. On the other hand, there's nothing wrong with people who go to church belonging to the Republican Party."

The Republican Party had been criticized earlier this week by Rep. Vic Fazio, D-Calif., who said the religious right was taking over the GOP.

Republicans wasted no time in firing a salvo back at the Democrats. In a letter signed by all Senate Republicans and addressed to President Clinton, the president was asked to avoid religious bigotry.

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"We got 15 percent of the vote, over half as much as Senator Dole. I feel very proud of it," Gramm said.

Dole won the Iowa Caucuses in 1988 over Pat Robertson and then-Vice President George Bush.

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DES MOINES — Seven years ago, Sen. Bob Dole was so eager to win the Iowa straw poll of Republican presidential contenders, a quadrennial rite of politics, that he arranged for buses to deliver his supporters to the event. He finished second, behind Pat Robertson.

This weekend, Dole tried a new strategy. No buses. No free beer. In fact, the senator from Kansas, pleading a prior commitment, did not even show up (except on new lapel pins). He finished first.

Maybe that says something about the state of Republican politics. Or about the state of Iowa and its peculiarities. Or perhaps it means that the sometimes sharp-edged Dole, the Senate Republican leader, is more popular from a comfortable distance.

Whatever the reason for Dole's victory Friday night — or the second-place finish by former Gov. Lamar Alexander of Tennessee or the third-place showing by Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas — Republicans will speculate for weeks, even months, and analyze and reanalyze the results until each faction can extract something positive from the experience.

America may not be ready for it (many candidates certainly are not), but in the words of the Iowa Republican Party, the straw poll was "the unofficial kick-off for the 1996 presidential campaign."

The Des Moines Convention Center was lined with booths hawking '96 bumper stickers from every imaginable candidate; some even had position papers. Jack Kemp, the former housing secretary, was not there, but the former Buffalo Bill appeared in glossy posters of him grasping a football. The slogan: "Quarterback for the U.S.A. Jack Kemp '96."

But the Republican coming-out party was far from a harmonious attack on President Clinton. Two speakers, Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania and former Gov. Thomas Kean of New Jersey, challenged the embrace of the Christian right by fellow Republicans.

Specter drew scattered boos when he criticized the recent insurgency

by religious conservatives in Texas, saying, "It was wrong philosophically because it violated the basic American principle of separation of church and state."

Kean put forth a warning: "We must be careful. Very careful. Because if we say that every woman who has an abortion is a baby killer and that every son and daughter who is gay is an abomination — when we imply that women who demand equality are somehow violating their fundamental natures, well, then we relegate ourselves to the sidelines."

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mer chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, 1 percent, or 13 votes.

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