

# IDEALS: Russell supporters back their native son's platform as well

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Beginning his speech touching on Kansas' contribution to his values, Dole said, "Wherever I have traveled in this life, I've never forgotten where I came from or where I go home to, and that's very important."

For Irene Dougherty, who drove from Great Bend to take the bus trip, this is indicative of Dole's approach of going "back to the grass roots, back to the real world."

Dole touched on Russell's contribution to his beliefs often in his speech, creating a historical perspective for the broader themes and goals he would outline later.

"As a young man in a small town, my parents taught me to put trust in God, not government, and never confuse the two," Dole said.

From the lessons of his youth in Russell, he moved on to his political vision, one which seemed to meet with approval from the crowd of sign-waving supporters and the representatives from Russell.

He began by outlining his mandate, which he said "would be to rein in government" which Dole said was "too large, too remote and too undemocratic to be representative."

Rider Fred Van Nahmen of Russell said that Dole's message of less government is right for the times.

"We need government out of the way so that people can make good for themselves," Van Nahmen said.

Fellow bus rider Blanche Caldwell expressed frustration at the size and scope of government.

"The government has its fingers in every-

thing," she said.

The bus riders endorsed Dole's plans to return responsibility to the states, providing them the funds to pay for programs while delegating control over the make-up of the programs to smaller units of government.

"Let the states take care of welfare," said Carol Herber, who was born and raised in Russell, but was picked up by the bus in Salina, where she lives now.

Dole also committed himself in the speech to make "balancing the budget ... a top priority."

Russell resident Raymond Boxberger agreed, saying, "If we balance the budget, everything else will take care of itself."

The crowd and riders such as Jeanne Hoffman enthusiastically agreed with Dole's statement that the federal government has one responsibility — to "protect our freedom."

And the crowd erupted when Dole said, "We must stop placing the agenda of the United Nations before the interests of the United States."

This overwhelming support was echoed in comments from the bus riders.

John Streck is a veteran of both World War II and the Korean War, the latter being a United Nations effort.

"The United Nations has too much strength," Streck said, adding: "Our troops need to be led by our officers."

Caldwell said that the United States provides the United Nations with most of its support, but "we never get paid back."

And as he ended his speech, the crowd chanted, "We love Dole! We love Dole!"

To which the presidential candidate responded, "You're gonna get him."

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— Bob Dole



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Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., and his wife Elizabeth, wave to the crowd in the Topeka Expo Center as he kicks off his presidential campaign Monday.

# DOLE: Russell supporters certain he'll win the presidency

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Dole's history is an integral part of the town's memory.

Bus rider Adolph Reisig made a lead cast for Dole to help him rehabilitate his arm after his war injuries.

As a teenager, Dole worked in the drugstore owned by rider Bub Dawson's father, making

\$2 a week and all the ice cream he could eat.

Caldwell and her daughter, Jeanne Hoffman, remember when Dole visited Russell in 1976 as President Gerald Ford's running mate.

When Ford came to the front porch of Dole's home, Dole's mother had lost the key, Caldwell said.

After losing the election, Caldwell remem-

bers Dole quipping that, "Well, we might have won it, if only we wouldn't have lost that key."

But this time, the riders were optimistic that this chapter of their history would not be remembered for a campaign gaff, but rather of a presidential victory.

Jepsen echoed the sentiment of many bus riders when he said, "I'm confident he will be the next president of the United States."



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Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., left, and Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., give thumbs up as they work the crowd during a New York City fund-raiser Monday night.

# New York fund-raiser adds \$1 million to Dole coffers

By MARC HUMBERT

NEW YORK — Bob Dole played the traditional politician in announcing his candidacy for president, right down to the lucrative final stop of the day in New York.

The Kansas Republican began with a formal declaration Monday in his home state and then flew off to New Hampshire, site of the nation's first primary. He ended the day in the Big Apple, picking up some of the big bucks needed to pay for it all.

The event of the evening was a \$1,000-a-person reception at a New York City hotel that attracted about 1,000 people, including a

scattering of the city's celebrities.

Socialite Ivana Trump was on hand as was comedian Jackie Mason. TV gossip reporter Claudia Cohen, who used to be married to Revlon boss Ron Perelman and who happens to be a Democrat, was there on the arm of her new beau, Sen. Alfonse D'Amato.

Later, a more select private dinner was held for Dole and what an aide called "the high-rollers."

New York is a regular stop for politicians seeking money for national campaigns.

"If he could have raised as much money in Providence, R.I., he would be there

tonight," said Lee Miringoff, head of the Marist College Institute for Public Opinion in Foughkeepsie.

State Republican Chairman William Powers, who helped organize the two fund-raisers, said they would raise at least \$1 million.

Money is crucial for Dole. While Texas Sen. Phil Gramm is trailing Dole in the polls for the GOP nomination, he has thus far outpaced him in fund-raising.

Coming into New York, the Senate majority leader's presidential campaign had already raised about \$4 million, said Dole spokesman Nelson Warfield.

In the packed hotel ballroom, Dole thanked his New York contributors with a short speech.

"We've had a great day," he said. Powers, along with virtually every other major New York Republican, has endorsed Dole's candidacy. The state chairman and Gov. George Pataki handed Dole a "key to the state."

"It's also the key to the White House," Powers said, underscoring the importance of New York in next year's presidential race.

"There's no stopping us ... New York state is Dole country," Pataki proclaimed.

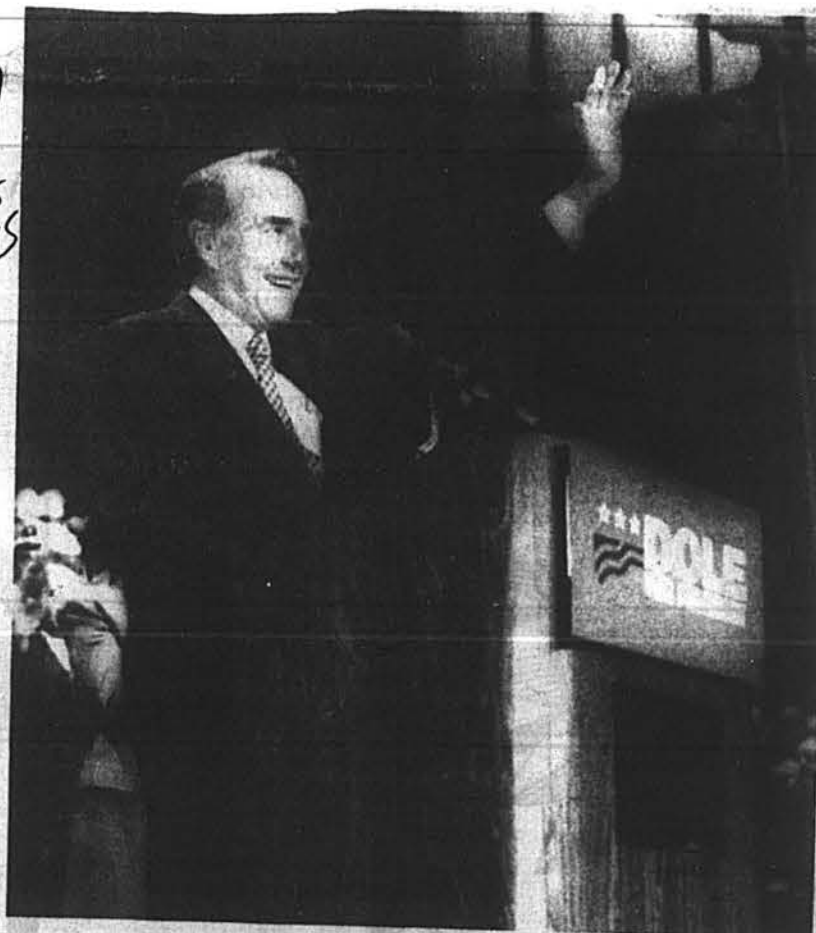


THANKS FOR COMING — Sen. Bob and Elizabeth Dole thanked the many well-wishers, including two busloads of "Russell Ambassadors" and the Russell High School Band, who attended his Monday's announcement of his candidacy for the 1996 presidential ticket. At the far right, applauding is Kansas Gov. Bill

Graves, who introduced Sen. Dole prior to his announcement. The ceremonies had begun with former Kansas Secretary of State Jack Brier, who introduced Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, who then turned the podium over to Gov. Graves.

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"I KNOW THE WAY" — While formally announcing his bid for the presidency Monday morning at the Kansas Expo Centre in Topeka, Sen. Bob Dole said to the crowd of perhaps 15,000: "My friends, I have the experience. I have been tested and tested and tested in many ways. I am not afraid to lead, and I know the way."