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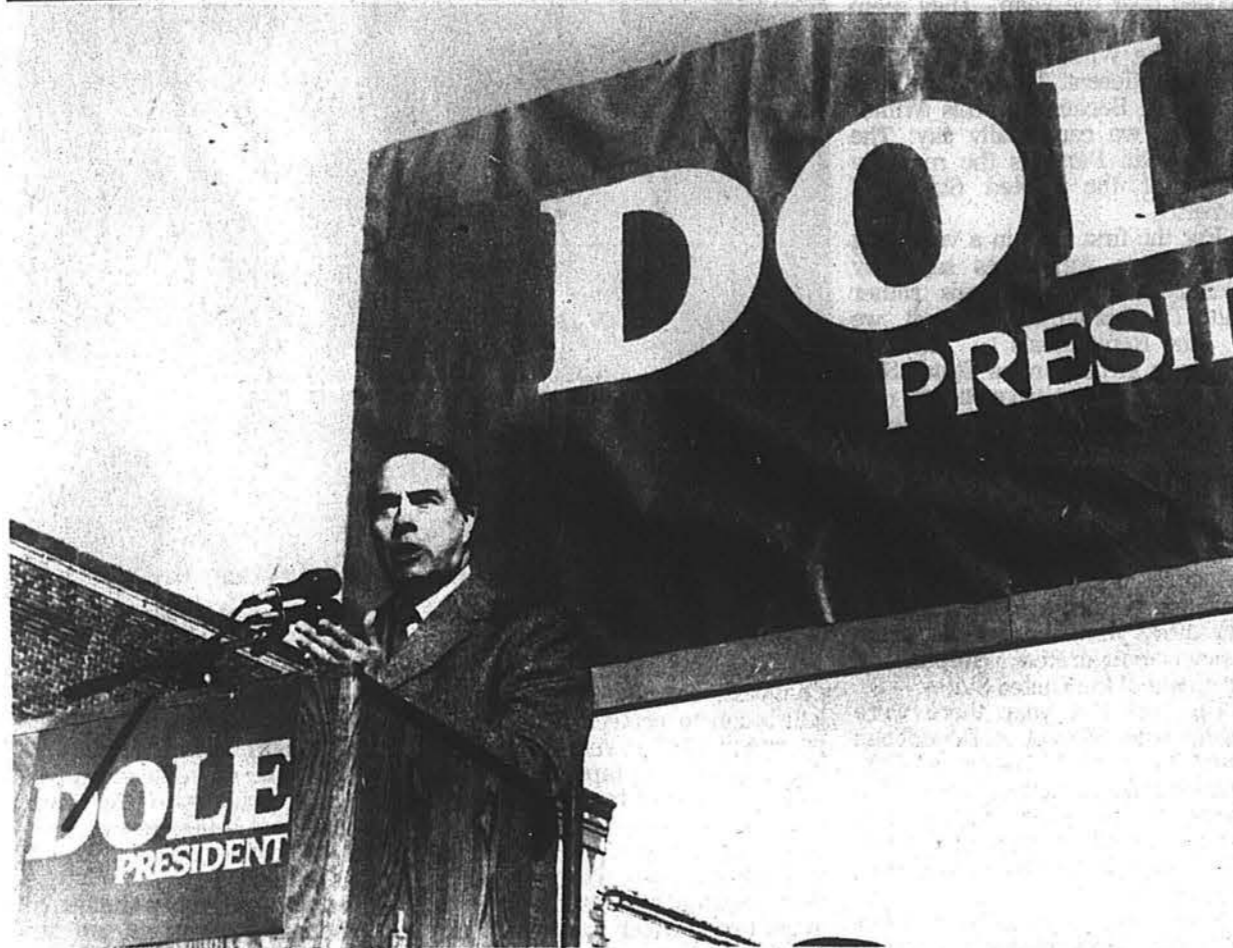
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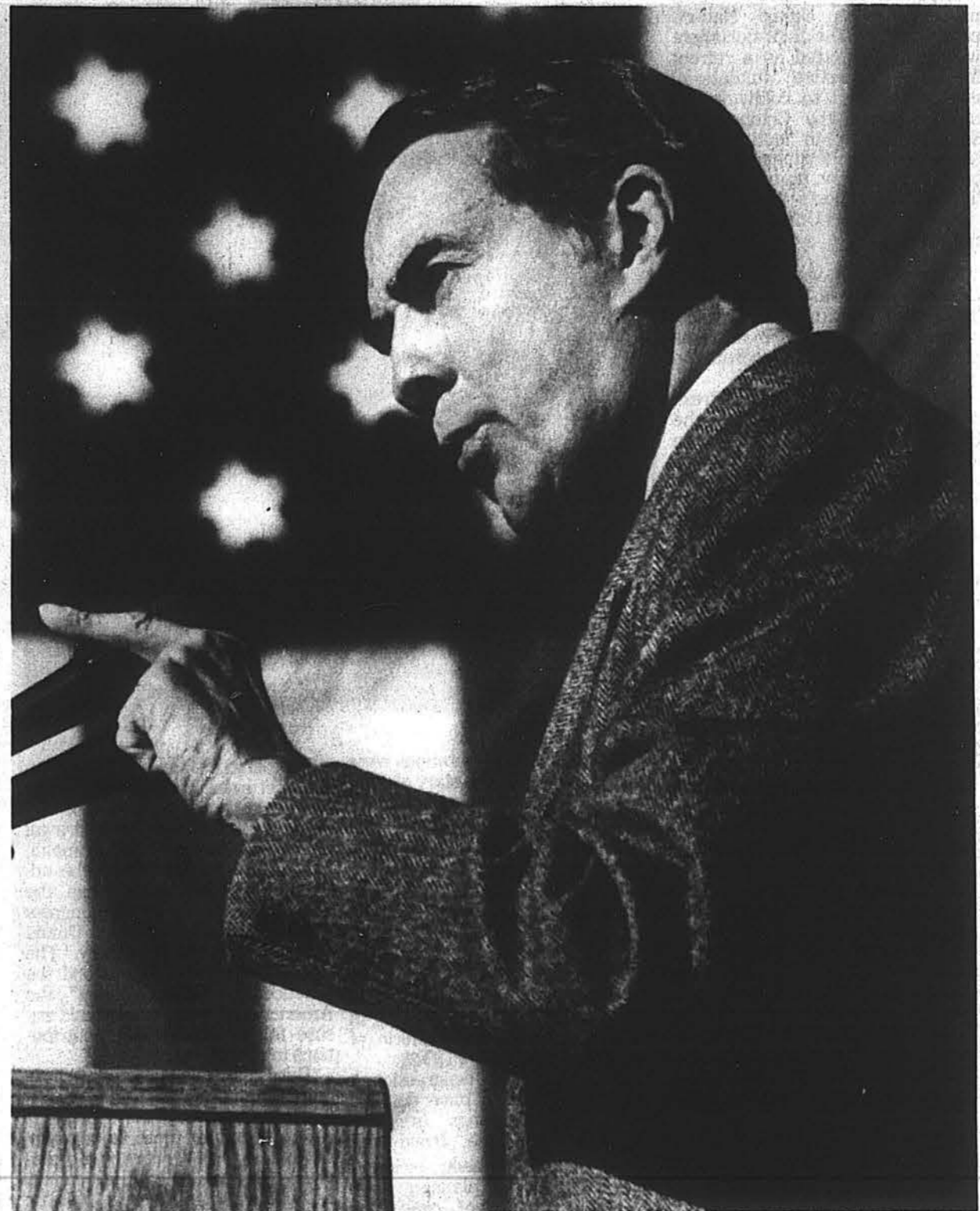
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SECOND PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN — Senator Bob Dole is making his second announcement for a run for the presidency. The announcement was made from Main and Eighth streets in the center of Russell in November, 1987, before

an estimated 10,000 spectators. The senator ran 6 percent ahead in the Iowa Primary and appeared to be headed for his party's nomination, but he lost the nomination to George Bush in the New Hampshire Primary. (Staff Photo)



SENATOR BOB DOLE MAKES A POINT

'I Can Lead, I Know the Way'

— Dole Says at Topeka

The Russell Daily News Monday, Nov. 9, 1987
TOPEKA — Before a jam-packed crowd of more than 8,000 people today, Sen. Bob Dole outlined a series of specific aims and goals, answering frequent complaints from the nation's press about "lacking a vision." To a background of partisan cheers and frequent applause, Russell's native son said he could be elected president, would fight for a balanced budget and legislation to continue, would see that education remains "a great equalizer," would provide for the handicapped and needy; and provide strong economic guarantees for the nation.
The 25-minute announcement of Dole's intention to become the Republican Party's presidential nominee was made from a spartan platform in the center of Main Street, a few feet north of the Eighth Street intersection. It was topped with a large "Dole for President" sign. The sign and platform were painted in his campaign blue with campaign gold lettering on the sign. It was the first of three stops today and two Tuesday in a whirlwind tour of sensitive political areas.
Introducing Dole was Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, Wichita, long-time friend of Senator Dole. She spoke of his decisive ability to make things happen and his dedication to Kansas and Kansans.
Russell T. Townsley, master of ceremonies, read a copy of the War Department telegram received May 3, 1945, by Dole's parents, informing them of his injuries in

battle. After months in a hospital, Dole's condition worsened until mid 1947 when Dr. Hampar Kelikian, refugee neurosurgeon, Chicago, agreed to undertake surgery on Dole. Hospitalization was a cost the Doles could not meet.
Townsley introduced G. B. "Bub" Dawson, former co-owner of Dawson's Drug Store where Dole was employed during high school after school hours.
Dawson told of cigar boxes placed in the drug store and at the Veterans of Foreign Wars where contributions were made by area residents.
He handed Dole one of the boxes used which was secretly taken from Dole's office recently.
Inside were checks and cash exceeding \$100,000 for Dole's campaign fund.
Marie Boyd, Phillipsburg, wife of McDill "Huck" Boyd, introduced Senator Kassebaum. She told of her husband's dedication to Republicanism and of her confidence in principles exemplified by Mrs. Kassebaum and Dole.
Congressman Pat Roberts, Kansas First District, was introduced by Russell County Republican Chairman, Russell attorney Larry D. Ehrlich.
Roberts told of the importance of the presidential campaign to Russell and to Kansas, congratulated those attending and Russell residents for taking part in a vital venture.
Kansas Governor Mike Hayden, boosting Republicanism and the need for good policies and sound government, was introduced by

Roberts.
Dave Owens, Owens and Associates, Dole's financial advisor, introduced officials and leading Republicans in the crowd.
Townsley introduced the Russell High School Band following Governor Hayden's remarks. As the band played school fight and pep numbers, the Doles reached the stand from the nearby Unified School District 407 central office.
As the Doles reached the stage, the band broke into "Step to the Rear," a campaign song used in previous Dole campaigns. Townsley was pressed into service as cheerleader as the crowd's chant of "Go, Dole" grew stronger.
It was following the cigar box presentation that Townsley asked the crowd to join the 2,400 school students in singing "God Bless America."
Dole's remarks followed.
The rally-like atmosphere was climaxed with bands again playing "Step to the Rear" and the release of several thousand blue and gold balloons which had been hidden behind the speakers' stand. Dole stepped down from the stage to visit with those in the crowd and to shake hands before the entire caravan was assembled and headed for the Great Bend airport to board a chartered plane en route to Des Moines.
The stage was flanked on its right with a bleacher filled with veterans and St. John's Military Academy cadre, present and past office holders. A matching bleacher on the left of the speakers stand
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Dole Became a Republican In '50 Race for Legislature

By ALLAN D. EVANS
John C. Woelk, longtime Russell attorney, is one of those primarily responsible for talking Robert J. "Bob" Dole into following the political path.
"Dole had returned to Kansas from college at Tucson, Ariz., and was attending Washburn University at Topeka," Woelk said.
"The Republicans wanted someone to oppose the state representative, Elmo Mahoney, of Dorrance, in the 1950 election, and Dole was approached."
"He didn't need much urging. He couldn't be a doctor, as he had originally planned, so he had turned to the study of law. He was working on both his A.B. and LL.B. degrees at Washburn University, and the state capitol was close by."
"Bob's parents had always been registered Democrats, but Bob had to be a Republican to make the

race. I'm not sure that he had ever registered with either party, but anyway, he became a Republican, and his parents changed their politics to support him."
"And Dole defeated Mahoney to win the seat in the Legislature."
Woelk also played a role in Dole's decision to run for Russell County attorney in 1951.
"He had completed his degrees and had returned to Russell," Woelk said. He was practicing law with Eric E. Smith.
"I was county attorney, but I did not plan to run for re-election, and I advised Dole and Dean Ostrum, both young lawyers wanting to get a start, that they would not have to run against me."
"Both men filed for office, and Dole won the Republican nomination, then went on to defeat George W. Holland in the general election to win the office."

"Dole thought that I had worked for Ostrum in the primary, but that had not been the case."
"You didn't have to talk very hard to get Bob to run for office," Woelk said. "He was always eager to run."
Woelk once sought the seat to which Dole was elected when he first went to Congress. Woelk had opposed Wint Smith, of Manhattan, the incumbent congressman, for the nomination for Congress in 1956. But he lost the race.
Woelk for many years was the Republican Party chairman in Russell County. He now is the senior member of the law firm of Woelk & Cole, located upstairs over Banker's at Eighth and Main streets.
Would Dole make a good president, then went on to defeat George W. Holland in the general election to win the office. Woelk was asked. "He ought to. He's had lots of experience," he responded.



ELIZABETH DOLE waves to a friendly crowd after her husband, Bob Dole, at right, made his second announce-

ment for the presidency in Russell in 1987. (Staff Photo)



POLITICAL FRIENDS — Bob Dole, center, is talking politics with Kansans Wint Smith, Mankato, left, and Frank Carlson, Concordia, right, during a political caravan visit here in October, 1956. Smith, a World War I general, was the congressman from Western Kansas' Sixth District. Carlson was a United

States senator from Kansas. Dole at the time was Russell County Attorney. The sign held by Carlson advertises the candidacy of the party's candidate for governor, Warren W. Shaw, who was defeated by George C. Docking, Lawrence, in the general election. (Staff Photo)