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From: McDill "Huck" Boyd, 1st Dist. Chm.

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Hays - McDill "Huck" Boyd, Republican district chairman, today charged that the Democrat campaign in the First District is based on "half-truths, misrepresentation and out-right falsehoods."

Speaking to a Collegiate YGOP meeting at Fort Hays State, Boyd said that a good example is the charge that Bob Dole voted against REA "14 out of 16 times."

"The truth is," Boyd continued, "that Bob Dole has consistently supported REA in its attempt to bring electric power and telephone service to the rural areas. He has never opposed any measure that met the original design and intent of REA, and he has directly intervened to help district REA groups extend their service."

Boyd said that Wheatland Electric Co-operative at Scott City gives Dole credit for helping gain approval of a 1.5 million dollar project last year "after the application had bogged down."

"Senator Carlson, one of REA's best friends ever since he entered public life, is given credit for only two favorable votes in the list quoted. So is Dole. Senator Pearson is given credit for only one during the period he has been in the Senate and he supports REA consistently."

Boyd said that the voting list referred to by the Democrats is a "hodge-podge of pork barrel projects which have nothing whatever to do with REA as we know it.

"Six of the measures had to do with a nuclear reactor and steam generating plant at Hanford, Washington. Three were area redevelopment projects, designed to blatantly buy votes in the South. Three others had to do with public power projects in Idaho and Montana. None had any connection whatever with extending REA benefits to any part of the Midwest, let alone Kansas or the First District."

Boyd said that this is only one of the misrepresentations upon which the Democrat campaign is based.

"Dole introduced House Bill 6547 to provide a voluntary wheat and feed grain program two days after farmers had voted down the referendum in May, 1963. Dole repeatedly warned that the farm economy was headed for trouble unless some further action was taken, but Secretary Freeman preferred to let the farmer "stew in his own juice."

Boyd said the Dole bill would have given the farmers the right to interchange wheat and feed grain acreage; would have prevented the marketing of government-owned wheat at less than 115% of support price plus transportation; would have provided for payment in kind for diverted acreage, and for land retirement and conservation.

"Market prices would be better today; farm income would have been more today if the Dole bill had passed," Boyd said.

He added that Dole's voting record would be laid on the line during this campaign, and told the Young Republicans:

"Never base a political campaign on falsehood. You will probably get caught, and lose; but even if you should win, it might be hard to live with yourself afterwards."