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SENATOR DOLE TO KEYNOTE NATIONAL MEETING

Senator Bob Dole of Kansas will keynote this year's Annual Meeting of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, May 1-2, Harold Russell, Chairman, has announced.

Over 3,000 professional and volunteer workers for the handicapped as well as those interested in the welfare of the physically and mentally handicapped are expected to hear the Senator's comments at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, May 1, in the International Ballroom of the Washington Hilton Hotel.

Dole, a freshman Senator, previously served in the House of Representatives for eight years. A native of Russell, Kansas, he attended the University of Kansas and received his A.B. and L.L.B. from Washburn Municipal University.

Long concerned with the plight of handicapped Americans, the Senator in his first major Senate speech recently said that: "despite unparalleled achievements in medicine, science, education, technology and public attitudes, we in America are far from the half-way point of assuring that every person with disabilities can become as active and useful as his abilities will allow."

Pointing out that "our handicapped citizens are one of our nation's greatest unmet responsibilities and untapped resources," Dole called for a commission to "recommend ways private and public programs and funds can better serve the total needs of the handicapped person at the time and place he most needs help."

The Senator is married to the former Phyllis Holden, an occupational therapist. The Doles and their daughter live in Falls Church, Virginia.