



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE WILL BEGIN WESTERN TOUR

Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) will address the National Convention of the American Legion in Seattle on Wednesday -- the first stop on a three-day western tour that will take him to Des Moines, Iowa and end in Vail, Colorado.

It will be Dole's first major address since he was chosen as the Republican Vice Presidential nominee at last week's Kansas City convention.

"I am eagerly anticipating this trip," the Senator said. "It will be my first major campaign effort as a part of the Ford-Dole ticket."

He added the American Legion Convention would give him a "good opportunity" to speak out on foreign policy and national defense matters. "And the speech in Des Moines will be in the heart of the farm belt, where I intend to address the problems facing the farmers of this nation," he said.

Leaving Washington on Tuesday afternoon, the Senator, who won the Bronze Star in World War II, will make the address before the main American Legion session at Seattle's Convention Center Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. (PDT). In addition, he plans a press conference and a visit to a Veteran's Hospital.

The Vice Presidential nominee moves on to Des Moines with an address scheduled before the Iowa State Fair on Thursday at 12:30 p.m. (CDT). He plans to visit the fairgrounds before making his farm policy speech at the amphitheater.

The Senator will leave Des Moines on Thursday afternoon and head for Vail, where he will meet with President Ford and other political leaders to discuss strategy for the fall campaign. He is expected to remain in Vail for sessions on Friday and Saturday, and will return to Washington on Saturday afternoon.