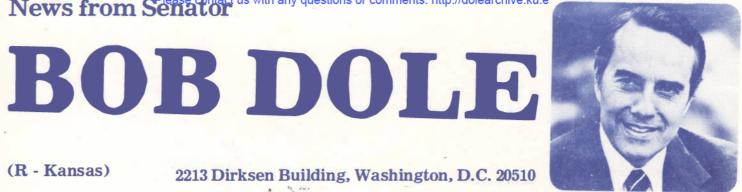
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CARTER MAKES SALT II A "HALLOWEEN SURPRISE"

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WASHINGTON - Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas) today accused President Carter of "playing

alloween 'trick-or treat' with the SALT II Treaty, trying to scare voters away from Ronald

eagan in the last weeks of the campai

"It's obvious that President Carter is trying to add the SALT II treaty ratification issue s a kind of Halloween's surprise to his list of scary statements attempting to portray overnor Reagan as a warmonger. I think it sets a dangerous precedent on an issue of such reat strategic importance to our national security.

"The fact is, President Carter himself asked that the treaty be withdrawn when the Russians waded Afghanistan last January and said then that his opinion of how much the Russians build be trusted had changed more in those three weeks than in his first three years in office. all, if this isn't just another example of Carter's deceptive campaign tactics, what I want know," said Dole, "is just what has changed since then?

Sudden Talk of Ratification Two Weeks From Election

"Why, with two weeks before the election, is President Carter suddenly talking about the Senate ratify SALT II as soon as possible? There are as many Russian troops in fghanistan as there ever were, and reports that more may be sent in soon. Russian policy has ot changed in other areas either. Presently the Soviet Union is deadlocking preparations for ne Madrid review conference on the Helsinki Accords, the great human rights treaty signed by resident Ford and Brezhnev. Nowhere do we see any basis for President Carter's opinion about e Soviet Union to change, and in fact the U.S. is sitting on the edges of the Iraq Iran war ight now hoping Russia won't intervene in some way," Dole said.

Dole has returned to Washington during the campaign recess to work with his staff on riorities for the post election legislative session. "There are a great many hard issues ivolving the day to-day running of the government that the Democratic leadership refused to te on before going home to face the voters," said Dole. "We must take care of the national udget for next year and look at the Farm Bill, windfall profits, unemployment compensation, e Superfund, tax cuts and revenue sharing before Congress can adjourn.

SALT II Cannot Be Considered

"There is no way that the Salt II treaty can be considered again this year and the President nows it. He raises the spectre of nuclear war as a hobgoblin to make the public forget his "Smal record on both defense and foreign policy issues. There's a saying that 'consistency the hobgoblin of little minds', but in President Carter's case he has proved inconsistency in be used just as well.'