

# Dole wants Perot to quit race, endorse GOP

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a dramatic bid to revive his White House campaign, Bob Dole dispatched his top aide Wednesday to urge Ross Perot to quit the presidential race and endorse the Republican ticket, GOP and Reform Party sources said.

Dole campaign manager Scott Reed made the urgent entreaty at an afternoon meeting with Perot in Dallas, according to three sources who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

The results of the session were not immediately clear, though the Reform Party source said in advance that it was unlikely Perot would end his candidacy.

Separately, Perot spokeswoman Sharon Holman said she was not aware of any Perot-Reed meeting but said emphatically: "Mr. Perot has no intention of quitting the race, no intention whatsoever."

Whatever the outcome, the entreaty was evidence of the deep frustration

within the Dole campaign as the 1996 campaign entered the final 12 days with Clinton ahead by 15 points or more in national polls and enjoying a similarly lopsided advantage in state-by-state electoral vote counts.

The GOP sources said the decision to make a pitch for Perot's endorsement grew out of internal discussions about how to shake up the race in the closing days. In the view of some Dole advisers, a Perot endorsement could swing

several states in Dole's favor, especially in the Mountain West.

Texas and Florida are also two traditionally Republican states where Clinton and Dole are running neck-and-neck with Perot garnering roughly 6 percent in the polls.

More significantly, the GOP sources suggested such a dramatic development would throw what has been a stable race into sudden turmoil, perhaps giving Dole one last chance to

overtake Clinton.

Dole decided to go forward with the entreaty despite Perot's unpredictability and recent bad blood between the Dole and Perot camps, the GOP sources said.

It was Dole's campaign that insisted Perot be excluded from the presidential debates, drawing sharp criticism from Perot and Reform Party running mate Pat Choate.

## Woman sends final message with suicide

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — For years, Kathy Change tried to bring attention to her message of world peace by dressing in tight T-shirts and thong bikinis, waving flags and playing music around the University of Pennsylvania campus.

No one seemed to listen. On Tuesday the students couldn't help but notice.

On that day the 46-year-old Change calmly walked to a large metallic peace symbol in the heart of the campus, doused herself with gasoline and set herself on fire.

The suicide, carried out in front of 50 people, was meticulously planned as a final, last-gasp attempt to draw attention to her beliefs.

"My real intention is to spark a discussion of how we can peacefully transform our world," Change wrote in a statement she delivered to students beforehand. "I offer myself as an alarm

against Armageddon and a torch for liberty."

Students who for years had walked by her with indifference or unease as she ranted couldn't stop talking Wednesday about her spectacular suicide. They remembered little of her message, though.

"It's a tragedy," said Justin Piergross, 22, as he sat a few feet from the shiny peace sculpture. "I think a lot of people just didn't give her any respect because she was a bit different."

"What was she against? Everything," said Kyle Bartlett, 24, a graduate student from Little Rock, Ark. "Destruction of the rain forest. Government with a capital G."

Throughout the morning people made their way across the College Green and paused before a shrine of sunflowers, purple lilies, burning candles and colored beads left at the 15-foot-high peace sign along with a

balloon, which read: "In memory of one who lived and died in pain."

Change was something of a mystery.

It wasn't clear how she supported herself or whether she had any family, though in a radio interview she once said that her father was an engineer and her grandfather a Harvard professor.

She had no connection to Pennsylvania. The extent of her education was unknown. But Brendan McGeever, a student who interviewed Change recently on his campus radio show, said: "When you talked to her she was just so articulate and normal. She could be a professor, a grad student."

Change, who changed her name from Chang to reflect her commitment, danced and displayed flags for 15 years to promote her belief in a "Transformation" — a crash of the world economy that would force everyone to come together to work out an answer.

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