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Clinton eyes swing votes in South

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Sweeping across the South in a difficult bid to claim Republican strongholds, President Clinton accused Bob Dole on Saturday of practicing "the old politics of division" on affirmative action and immigration.

"Here, at the end of the election, some people are tempted to take advantage of these issues for political gain," Clinton said.

He devoted his weekly radio address and the Alamo rally to rebutting Dole's end-of-campaign calls to end affirmative action and crack down on illegal immigration.

More broadly, he also challenged GOP attacks on Democratic crime and welfare stances.

Addressing immigration and affirmative action last week, Dole said bluntly, "They're wedge issues."

The White House said Dole's comments pitted Americans against Americans for political gain.

"He publicly expressed his pride in dividing America, which is distasteful, at best," press secretary Mike McCurry said.

The Dole campaign said the Alamo remarks displayed "typical Clinton hypocritical flair." Spokeswoman Christina Martin added: "He'd rather scare us than justify his continued support of divisive (racial) quotas."

With the Alamo's white stone walls forming a backdrop, Clinton declared, "When we come together in search of common ground, we are always, always stronger as a nation."

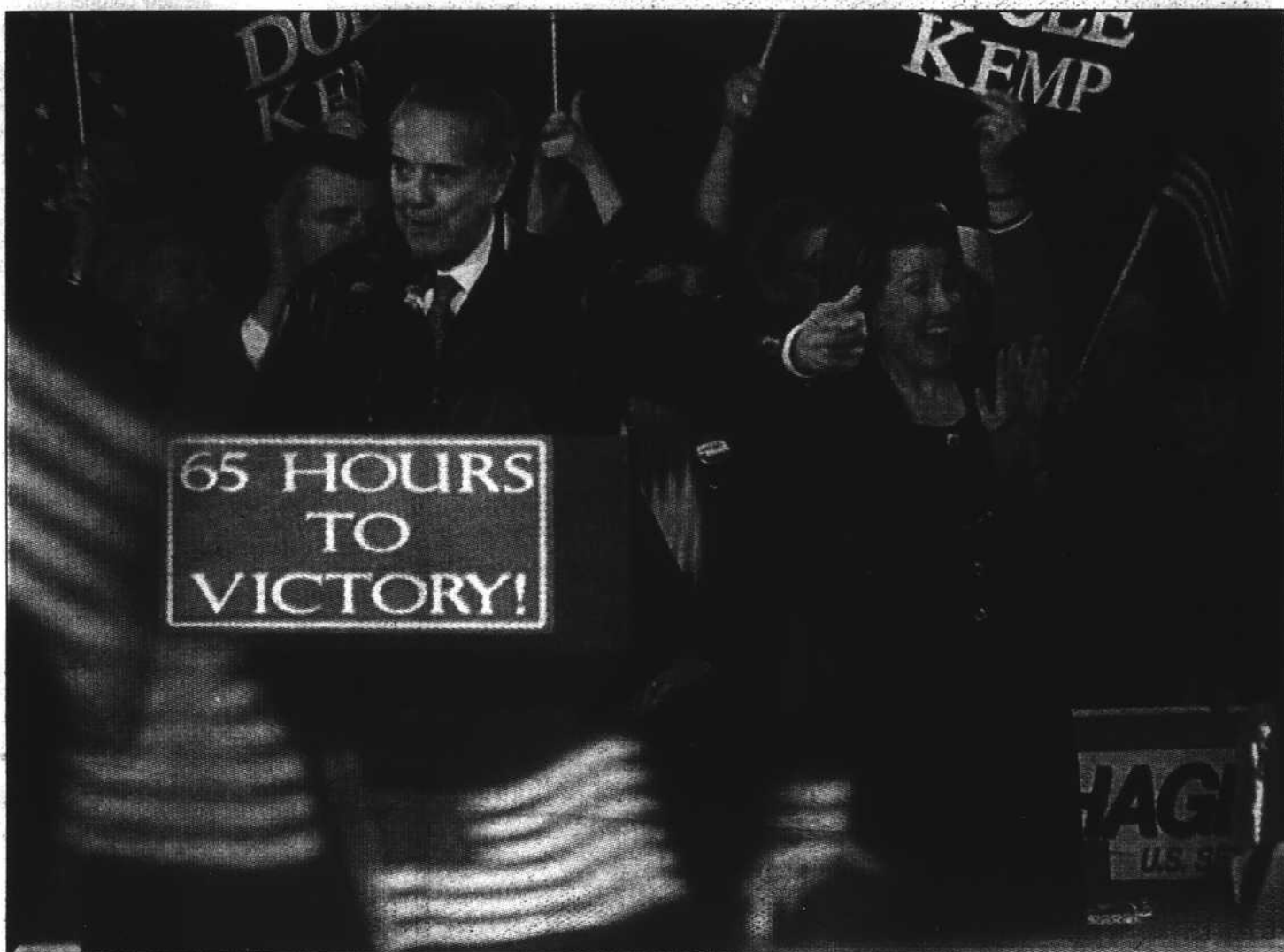
In 1836, 189 Texans fighting for independence defended the Alamo against more than 4,000 Mexicans. The Mexicans won; all the Texans were killed. But their bravery was celebrated, and "Remember the Alamo" became a rallying cry when Texas fighters marched to victory six weeks later.

In a subtle reminder of the age difference

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REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE Bob Dole made a campaign stop in Omaha Saturday evening with his wife, Elizabeth Dole, to win more Nebraska votes and to offer support to Chuck Hagel, Nebraska's Republican nominee for the U.S. Senate.

Dole predicts win during Omaha rally

By MATTHEW WAITE
Senior Reporter

OMAHA — With 65 hours left to go in his 96-hour campaign push, Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole said Saturday night he smelled victory in the air.

"On Nov. 6, Bill Clinton is going to be the most surprised man in America," a raspy Dole told an overflow crowd of more than 1,000 people who jammed into the Sky Harbor hangar near Eppley Airfield.

Amid chants of "let's beat Bill and Ben," Dole stumped for himself and Nebraska Republican senatorial candidate Chuck Hagel, who is running against Democratic Gov. Ben Nelson. According to an Omaha World-Her-

ald poll released Sunday, Hagel and Nelson were in a dead heat for the open seat.

Earlier, Hagel said Republicans were going to take back America and Nebraska in 1996.

"Republicans do the right thing," Hagel said. "And the right thing is to keep our governor here."

Dole, who has a 48 to 37 percent lead in a World-Herald poll, said Saturday night he needed Hagel's help for his presidency.

"I'm going to be counting on you, counting on your vote for a balanced budget

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A YOUNG REPUBLICAN supporter applauds at Saturday's rally for Dole and Hagel, which was held in the Sky Harbor hangar near Eppley Airfield.

Funeral services set for today for UNL professor Streckfuss

From Staff Reports

Funeral services for Professor Richard Streckfuss, 64, will be at 2 p.m. today at the Butherus, Maser & Love Chapel, 3851 B. St.

Streckfuss, a news-editorial professor in the College of Journalism and Mass Communications, died Thursday morning after a long battle with cancer. A reception with the family will follow the services. Streckfuss is survived by his

wife, Jeanetta Druke; four children by his former wife Mary Jane Streckfuss including three sons, David, Matthew and George; and a daughter Amy; a sister Cynthia Zook and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials can be sent to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Botanical Garden and Landscape Services, 1340 N. 17th St., Lincoln, Neb., 68588, to the attention of Director Kim Todd.

First local ethanol pump debuts

By ERIN GIBSON
Staff Reporter

Grain alcohol came by the hundreds of gallons to Lincoln residents last week.

But only their cars can drink it. The first public ethanol fuel pump in Lincoln opened at the Gas 'N Shop at 1545 Cornhusker Highway, and motorists have given the pump a friendly welcome, manager Tim Versch said.

Versch said he has sold more than 100 gallons of the 85 percent ethanol fuel since last Monday, priced at about

\$1.39 per gallon. Gas 'N Shop had expected slower sales, he said.

Gov. Ben Nelson turned out last Monday to open the alternative fuel pump — the second public pump in the state, Versch said. The first opened in Omaha in June.

Todd Sneller, administrator of the Nebraska Ethanol Board, said the public ethanol fuel pumps would help provide ethanol for for more than 100 state vehicles that operate on the cleaner-burning fuel.

But private businesses also are joining government fleets in making the ethanol switch, Sneller said.

"It's an important transition to get

private sector vehicles using this fuel," Sneller said. "The key to this is making ethanol easily accessible."

The Lincoln station will expand ethanol's influence, because the next closest public ethanol pump is in Omaha, he said, though several private alternative fuel stations already exist across the state.

The Energy Policy Act of 1992 may force Nebraska to increase its offering of the corn-based fuel in the next two years.

The act requires both private and public fleets to have a portion of all

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