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Dole: Mondale didn't deliver knockout

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Transportation Secretary Elizabeth Dole defended Pres. Ronald Reagan's record on women's issues Monday and said Walter Mondale failed to deliver a "knockout punch" in the presidential debate Sunday night.

Dole attended a fund-raising luncheon at Eugene's Hilton Hotel before heading to the newly opened Reagan-Bush headquarters for a press conference.

She said Mondale failed Monday in his attempt to change his image and look like a leader in the debate. "Americans are interested in policies and not personalities, in substance and not style," Dole said.

The debate showed the two candidates' views and gave the voters a clear choice, she said.

"I don't think what the president has done for women has been clearly heard yet," she said.

Reagan is the first president to name three women to cabinet-level positions and the first to name women to the Supreme Court and as ambassador to the United Nations, Dole said.

Dole also lauded Reagan for his economic policies, especially in bringing down inflation, interest rates and unemployment.

Because of Reagan's tax cuts, \$300 billion have been returned to the American people, she said.

When pressed by one reporter about a recent report that shows poorer Americans have suffered the greatest loss of income during the Reagan administration, Dole responded that the president's policies are "designed to help all Americans."

According to a Census Bureau survey done in March, the poorer half of the population lost 7 percent of its real income, after adjustment for inflation, during the Reagan administration. Income for the wealthier half stayed about the same during the same period.

But Reagan is committed to providing jobs for everyone willing to work, Dole said, and should be given a chance to finish the job.

"That's compassion you can take to the bank," she said.

Dole predicted that Vice Pres. George Bush will do well in his debate Thursday with Democratic challenger Geraldine Ferraro.

"I clearly feel that no one is going to flock to a ticket because a woman is on it," she said. "Women in this country are voting on issues, not gender."

Several people from the National Organization for Women picketed Dole's luncheon appearance at the Hilton, but the protest was against Reagan and his policies and not Dole, said Marie Jackson of NOW.

"She's a competent woman and I'm happy to see a woman on Reagan's



Photo by Bill Harpole

Transportation Secretary Elizabeth Dole spoke at a Republican fund-raiser at Eugene's Hilton Hotel Monday.

cabinet," Jackson said. "But I find it sad that she defends Reagan's record and doesn't see it as it is."

Since 1980, five million people have slipped below the poverty level, most of them women and children, Jackson said. NOW also protested Reagan's opposition to abortion and the Equal Rights Amendment.

Dole was nominated in 1983 as the eighth Secretary of Transportation. She

also served on the Federal Trade Commission during the Nixon administration. In 1974, she was named by Time magazine as one of 200 "faces of the future."

Asked whether she would seek the Republican nomination for president in 1988, Dole said she had no "blueprint to run," but she did not rule out the possibility.

Property rights pondered in convocation address

By Michael Doke
Of the Emerald

Radical revisions of property rights occurring in this country are both very new and very old, a University of Michigan law professor said at Monday's third annual convocation, or celebration of the new academic year.

Prof. Joseph Sax delivered the keynote address titled "Reviving the Law of the Good Old Days."

Speaking to a large McArthur Court audience, Sax said the transformation character of property law is strongly influenced by the theory of public trust.

Deeds from the original 18th century land allocations did not carry absolute rights to that land, Sax said. And this was a shock to land owners.

"Owners of land could not own what they had been given," Sax said. Land must be used for what is best for the community and not the individual, he said. And the legal field must be able to make laws to assure this.

"The law should have the power to pass laws for necessity, but what kind of necessity does our time beget?" he asked.

"There are new rights. There must be access to our oceans, waterways and estuaries. We must have the opportunity to preserve our mountains and forests. We must use our bounty without waste," Sax said.

Necessity is decided with "beneficial use as the basis, limit and measure of public

rights," he said.

This basic reform in the view of property ownership is occurring for many reasons, Sax said.

One reason is concern with the fate of natural resources. How the law conceives these resources and how the profession determines property also is important, and the radical change in the land ethic occurring today is based on some very old principles, he said.

"The conventional property notion is that just about everything should be privately owned to be effective," Sax said.

But before this idea, was the school of thought that said "All things which relate peculiarly to the public good cannot be given over or transferred." It is this 13th century theory which has been revived in the changes in property uses today, Sax said.

The current policy of property rights is one of retention rather than creation, conservation rather than exploitation, he said. And public heritage is the keystone to property rights.

With increased resource scarcity and a growing sense of community and shared-uses, self-interest is declining in favor of social obligation, Sax said.

"It is now a social obligation" to explain the use of land to the community at large. The owner of property is the agent of a social benefit, he added.

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Swinging in the rain

Members of the University's Fighting Duck Marching Band practice Monday despite the outburst of rain that signaled the coming of winter.

The band is busy preparing for its performance at Saturday's football game, which pits the Ducks against the University of Southern California Trojans at 3:50 p.m.

Band members are currently working to raise money for new uniforms. Donations are the group's main revenue source for the purchase.

Duck fans will be happy if Saturday's weather is better than Monday's, but if it isn't, band members will be prepared.

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