DOLE IS SELECTED TO DIRECT G.O.P.

Kansas Senator to Succeed Morton as Party Chairman Despite Much Opposition

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Special to The New York Times WASHINGTON, Jan. President Nixon has selected Senator Robert J. Dole of Kansas as the new chairman of the Republican National Committee, sources at the committee and at the White House disclosed today.

Mr. Dole, a conservative with a reputation as a tough political and legislative infighter, had actively sought the post since

will be composed of members of the national committee, "will ask who Nixon wants and ratify his choice," the source said.

He compared the process which will probably include a Continued on Page 18, Column 2

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meeting with the President on Jan. 14—to "the mating dance of the egret." Mr. Morton was reported to

Mr. Morton was reported to have called Mr. Dole yesterday with a one-word message: "Congratulations." The Senator said in an interview that "it looks as if it's going to happen, but I know nothing official."

Senator Dole met twice today with Senator Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania, the minority leader, one of those who had opposed his selection. Mr. Dole promised that he would remain neutral in any challenge to Mr. Scott's leadership in he future.

The selection of Mr. Dole, a 47-year-old first-term Senator, is expected to generate considerable resentment among some of his colleagues on Capitol Hill and could be a disruptive development in the party.



Mr. Scott should be replaced by "younger and more aggres-sive leadership."

Some members of the national committee had also expressed the hope that a fullpressed the hope that a time "professional" chair would be named. chairman

However, no alternate candidate ever emerged, and the President concluded, according to one Republican source, that Mr. Dole "was a conservative but not a racist, and that he but a racist, and that he but not a racist, according to the result of t A number of Senators and national committeemen were publicly committed to Mr. Dole's candidacy.

Bryce N. Harlow and Donald Rumsfeld, two White House aides who had been mentioned prominently in early specula-tion on Mr. Morton's successor, both declined the position.

actively sought the post since the President announced last Nov. 25 that he intended to nominate the present chairman, Representative Rogers C. B. Morton of Maryland, as Secretary of the Interior.

Mr. Morton, who is in the Bahamas, announced through his Washington office today that he was choosing a 12-man selection committee to recommend a new chairman to the national committee to recommend a new chairman to the national committee at its annual meeting here, starting Jan. 15.

A source at party headquarters conceded, however, that no selection committee, which was chosen unless Mr. Nixon had already made up his mind. The selection committee, which will be composed of members will be composed of members will be composed of members.

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