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Nixon Choice Is Ratified by
Party—2 Aides Named

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 —

The Republican National Committee ratified today President Nixon's choice of Senator Robert J. Dole of Kansas as the party's National Chairman.

Senator Dole succeeds Representative Rogers C. B. Morton of Maryland, named by the President to succeed Walter J. Hickel as Secretary of the Interior.

No one else was nominated for the position and no one spoke or voted against Mr. Dole, a 47-year-old conservative. He was described in a nominating speech by McDill Boyd, the National Committeeman from Kansas, as "a forthright fighter."

A last-minute maneuver by the President was still needed to restore party harmony. Liberal and moderate Senators had objected to Mr. Dole on ideological grounds, and several state chairmen and committeemen had objected to him on the ground that a full-time chairman—someone to listen to their wants and grievances — was needed.

To placate both groups, the President recommended yesterday that Thomas B. Evans Jr., the National Committeeman from Delaware, be appointed co-chairman, along with Mrs. Robin Armstrong, the Committeewoman from Texas. The committee also ratified that proposal today.

"There was no real revolt brewing," said one party official. "No one wants to deny the President his wishes, but there were 17 or 18 states ready to stand up and at least say they didn't like it."

Mr. Dole, party officials said, will serve as the party spokesman around the country while Mr. Evans will function as the day-to-day operating chief. The Senator made it clear, however, that he would make the decisions, telling reporters: "I'm the boss now."

Mr. Evans will apparently have the same responsibilities as the outgoing deputy chairman, James Allison, and Mrs. Armstrong will do the same things as the outgoing vice chairman, Mrs. Elly Peterson.

The Main Event

The appointment of Mr. Evans mollified the liberals and moderates. Mr. Evans, who is 39, is an insurance man and a lawyer. He has raised substantial sums for the party and is a moderate, interested in the welfare of minorities. He is also a close friend of Attorney General John N. Mitchell.

Mrs. Armstrong, a graduate of Vassar College, is married to the owner of the vast Armstrong Ranch in Texas.

The selection of the new officers was the main event of the committee's meeting at the Washington Hilton Hotel, even though it was a foregone conclusion. Most of the day was devoted to private meetings at which reports on party finances, the 1970 campaign and other matters were delivered.

In his farewell address, Representative Morton, the outgoing chairman, said the party must not be "burdened with fixed attitudes and a fixed philosophy about who should be in the party and who should not be."

He added that Republicans must learn "that the vote of the individual who is down and out and without hope is as important as the vote of the president of a great corporation."

The same theme—openness to all ideas and all kinds of people—was sounded this morning by President Nixon at the dedication of the party's new national headquarters building, the Dwight D. Eisenhower Center, on Capitol Hill.

With Mrs. Eisenhower sitting on the platform in near-freezing weather, Mr. Nixon recalled that General Eisenhower "often used to emphasize the need for the party to expand—and he pointed out what was actually a very great truth."

"By itself," Mr. Nixon said, "neither political party in this country can win an election. In order to win, it is necessary to pick up enough independents and enough members of the other party to get a majority."

The President added: "I would like the Republican party to be the party of the open door for all people—of all races, of those who share our great ideas about the future of America and the future of the world."