

Chairman Heckled at Tulane

GOP May Drop San Diego-

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U.S. Sen. Robert Dole of Kansas, addressing a press conference here before weathering a chorus of heckles and boos from Tulane University students, said the Republican party may have to move its 1972 National Convention out of San Diego because of financial and other difficulties.

Dole, chairman of the Republican National Committee, said the GOP will have to decide soon whether to try to overcome the San Diego problems or shift the Aug. 21 meeting to Miami Beach or another city. Dole said he knew nothing about reports the convention would be held in New Orleans, however.

President Nixon's campaign manager, John N. Mitchell, said he is "not sure we can solve" the problems in San Diego, which he described as escalating costs. The desired modifications of the San Diego Sports Arena cannot be completed in time under present work schedule, according to R. L. Herman, vice chairman of the Committee on Arrangements for the party.

A SOURCE in Miami Beach, however, suggested there was more to the San Diego controversy than the arena problems and a reported shortage of hotel space. He said that publicity over the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. pledge to aid the convention if it were held in San Diego has put a stigma on the city, and that the renewed bombing of North Vietnam might result in mass demonstrations that could be handled more easily in Miami Beach.

Dole, meanwhile, was himself the target of demonstrating students as he opened the Direction '72 program on the Tulane campus.

Although he drew several cheers from students, his overall reception was nothing short of icy.

A crowd of 150 to 200 students, many carrying placards protesting the air offensive against Haiphong and Hanoi, gathered in front of McAlister Auditorium as Dole conducted a press conference and spoke.

Security police held back a crowd of non-ticket-carrying students as they stormed the entrance to the auditorium. Glass was broken in two doors. No one was reported arrested.

Firecrackers popped in the hallway of the auditorium as Dole conducted a question-and-answer session following his address.

The senator, replacing former President Lyndon B. Johnson on the program because of Johnson's recent heart attack, was visibly annoyed as heckling forced him to pause several times in his speech.

u AT ONE point Republican David Treen of Metairie, unsuccessful candidate for governor, sprang from his seat in the audience and shouted near the top of his voice to one student, "Why don't you have

the common decency to let him (Dole) speak?"

Dole responded, "Thank you. I thought I was the only Republican here."

Dole, sounding like Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, was criticizing the "liberal establishment press" when he was interrupted by laughing. He charged the press has tired to undermine efforts of the administration by giving the impression that Vietnamization is failing.

To students who chuckled, Dole commented, "We're going to save you whether you like it or not. We're going to get you out of that war the Democrats dragged you into."

Dole said the "death of reporting" on the war suggests the attitudes of reporters.

He said news analysts who have urged that the United States admit that it made a mistake in getting involved in Vietnam "now find excruciating the prospect of admitting that they were wrong about Vietnamization."

Dole charged that many congressmen who are criticizing the bombing policy are Democrats who were responsible for U.S. involvement in the war in the first place.

He said this week's hearing on the air raids by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee had provided senators such as J. William Fulbright, D-Ark., a chance to "attack Nixon."

Dole almost was drowned out by booing at one point as he was discussing the reasons for U.S. involvement in four wars during this century. Obviously annoyed by the distractions, he strayed from his text and said, "I sometimes wonder if the 39 months spent in the hospital after World War II was worth it." Pausing, he added: "I believe it was." He was twice wounded in the war and decorated for heroism.

ON TONIGHT'S Direction program, Saul Alinsky, the urban organizer whose works include "Reveille for Radicals" and "Rules for Radicals," will be interviewed by Cleveland attorney Kenneth Seminatore. The program begins at 8.

Edward and Ann Carpenter of the Harlem Preparatory School were scheduled to speak at a session this afternoon in the University Center.

The series continues through Sunday night.

-Dole