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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Photo sent
to John Fales
June 16

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EMPLOYMENT DIRECTOR:

John Fales, Jr.
Employment Director

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:

Mrs. Ronald L. Miller
President

PUBLICATION:

BVA Bulletin
Sumner A. Vale, Editor

MEMBERSHIP:

Members - 2,900

ORGANIZATION DATE:

Founded - 1945

CONVENTION INFORMATION:

National Convention
1981
Washington, D.C.

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MEMBERSHIP: Members - 3,484

ORGANIZATION DATE: Founded - 1942

CONVENTION INFORMATION: National Convention
October 1981

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BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION

President for 1981-82

ELLSWORTH SHARPE

He Lives in Silver Springs.

Send invitations to office .

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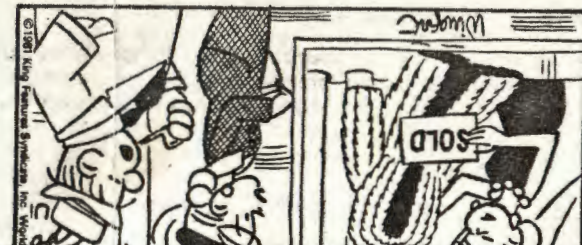
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daily magazine

Reagan aide Elizabeth Dole

'Damage control'

at the White House



Highest ranking woman in the White House.

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WHEN THE HEAD of the Blind Veterans' Association wanted the White House to comply with a list of demands for his organization, he went to Elizabeth Dole.

When Lupe Angiano wanted to inform the White House about her program to help women get off welfare and into jobs, she went to Elizabeth Dole.

When women's groups sought more clout in the Reagan White House, they went to Elizabeth Dole.

And when President Reagan wanted business, labor, minorities, professional organizations and everyone else to support his economic package, he went to Elizabeth Dole.

Reagan, of course, didn't have to make a special trip. Persuading organizations of all stripes to support Reagan's policies — or at least not work against them — is Elizabeth Hanford Dole's job.

Since many of the organizations Mrs. Dole works with are traditionally Democratic, some people call her job "damage control," because it is hard to convince them to support Republican policies.

But Mrs. Dole, the highest ranking woman in the White House — her office is on the second floor in the West Wing — takes it seriously. That's her nature, according to someone who should know — her husband.

Since Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, married the North Carolina native in 1975, they have become one of the nation's most visible high-powered career couples. And their lifestyle reflects it.

"She leaves earlier than I do in the morning," says Dole, who helped the administration push its tax and budget cuts through Congress while his wife lobbied for support for the same economic package with labor, business and nearly every other organized group in the country.

"I leave about quarter to 8 and she leaves about quarter to 7. I think that's too early," he laughs. "I generally like to get home by 7 or 8 p.m. She'll get home about that time, sometimes later."

The 12-hour day Mrs. Dole regularly puts in is a hectic series of meetings with Reagan's other top aides, her own staff, and the varied organizations she tries to keep happy.

One recent day, for example, she spoke at an awards ceremony with Nancy Reagan. Later, she joined Mrs. Reagan and officials from Howard University at an exclusive lunch for eight served in the Rose Garden.

On other days, she sits next to the president in the Cabinet Room while he meets with one of the groups she has been wooing.

In the evening, Mrs. Dole, 45, often attends work-related social activities in one part of town, while her hus-

band wines and dines his constituents, visiting Kansans, in another.

Despite having two powerful careers, one based in the U.S. Senate and the other in the White House, under the same roof both Doles say they haven't yet had to keep secrets from each other to avoid conflicts of interest.

"We really don't have the opportunity to sit and talk at length on anything by virtue of the fact that we are both going 90 miles per hour," Mrs. Dole says.

They may see an issue differently on occasion, her husband concedes, but that's to be expected.

"She might raise it with me to indicate that people she works with have a different position, but she has to do her thing and I have to do my thing . . . I don't work for the White House. Sometimes we have different views and that's the way it is."

He says they make a point of spending Sundays together, have the same interests and, unlike some working couples, live in the same city.

If fate had taken a different turn, Mrs. Dole



Dole with John Fales, director of Blind Veterans' Assn.

might now have been First Lady at the White House instead of an employee.

Just eight months after their marriage, the senator ran for the vice presidency with former President Ford.

In 1980, Dole made his own try for the nation's top office, but he dropped out in the primaries. Mrs. Dole, a graduate of Duke University with a law degree from Harvard, quit her job as a member of the Federal Trade Commission in 1979 to campaign for her husband.

As the highest ranking woman at the White House, Mrs. Dole has taken it upon herself to lobby for hiring of women, even though that's not part of her job.

She relayed her belief that Reagan should use his first Supreme Court vacancy to appoint a woman. "I felt this was an opportunity for him to demonstrate his desire to bring qualified women into the administration," she said after the nomination of Sandra O'Connor had been announced.

She has supported the Equal Rights Amendment, which Reagan opposes, but says she agrees "very much with the president that there is more than one way to reach equal rights for women."

She supports Reagan's plan to eliminate sex discrimination by changing laws and regulations, saying, "No state has ratified now in five years."

Reagan has been criticized for not appointing enough women to his administration and Mrs. Dole is known to be an active lobbyist inside the White House to do better.

"The way I look at it is that we continue to bring in qualified women at all levels. There will be changes as the administration moves along," she says, admitting she has sent the personnel office "a lot of resumes."

"She enjoys what she does," Dole says of his wife. "I think that's the key to it. It would be horrible to have one of the partners not enjoy. If neither of you did it would be terrible."

"I'm elected. She's appointed. I think you have to understand each other's priorities. I mean, sometimes I may not be available because of a priority I have and other times she may not be available," he says.

"But I think we both trust each other's judgment that we . . . try to conserve time and do the things we believe we should do and not try to do everything."

Of course, such long days leave little time for homemaking. Dole doesn't cook "unless I get real hungry."

And then his repertoire is limited to meals in one pot. "If it requires any skill, maybe one pot would be an overstatement," he says.

They spend so little time at home, Dole says, "It's almost like living in a motel somewhere. We're both gone at breakfast. We're both gone at lunch. We're not around too often for dinner. So our grocery bill is not too high. But our restaurant bill, well, that takes care of it."

OK - what is
Horton's recommendation
for

REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT

Date of Request: 9/15

Taken by: CE

Person requesting appointment: John Fales

Company or affiliation: Blinded Vets

Telephone number: _____

Subject: Wants to present EHD with new Sta. up
and to meet new Pres. - Ellsworth
Sharp.

Date of appointment: _____

Outside participants: _____

Suggested staff people in attendance: _____

APPROVAL:

yes

no

I suggest EHD ~~not~~ accept. It's a courtesy
meeting with BVA's new president.

M. L. L.

9/16/81

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WILBURN H. LONG APPOINTED EMPLOYMENT DIRECTOR FOR
BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION

Mr. Wilburn H. Long has been appointed Employment Director of the Blinded Veterans Association (BVA). He replaces John Fales, Jr. whose resignation was accepted effective April 5, 1982.

As Employment Director, Mr. Long will supervise the BVA's Outreach Employment Program (OEP), which assists blinded veterans in finding employment. In this program blinded veterans are assisted in preparing resumes and employment applications and their qualifications are matched with available job openings. In addition, the OEP representatives contact prospective employers to explain the benefits of hiring blinded veterans and to seek job opportunities for these veterans. Frequently these contacts result in providing employment openings for other disabled persons, also.

Mr. Long, a blinded veteran, has been in the OEP since its establishment in 1974 and has been the Assistant Director since 1978.

April 9, 1982

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March 2nd

National President

Ellsworth L. Sharpe

of the

Blinded Veterans Association

cordially invites you to attend

a Breakfast

in Honor of Members of the

Veterans' Affairs Committees of the

U.S. Congress

Tuesday, March 2, 1982 7:30 to 8:30 AM

Room B339, Rayburn House Office Building

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regretted
2/9/82*

RSVP
By February 25
347-4010

EHD

INVITATION CHECKLIST

EVENT: Ellsworth L. Sharpe, Blinded Veterans Assoc.
Breakfast in honor of the Veterans' Affairs
Committees of Congress
REQUESTED DATE: March 27, 1982

Type of Participation

Keynote Speech _____
Formal Speech _____
Informal Speech _____
Drop-by _____
Briefing _____
Reception _____
Panel Participation _____
Attend Only ☒ _____
Other (specify) _____

Type of Organization

Major National _____
National ☒ _____
Regional _____
State _____
Local _____
Other (specify) _____

Required Travel

Local D.C. ☒ _____
D.C. Metro Area _____
In-and-out _____
Overnight _____
Regional Swing _____

Support In Favor of Event

Personal (EHD/Senator) _____
White House () _____
Admin. () _____
RNC () _____
Other _____

Travel Budget

White House _____
RNC _____
Federal Agency ☒ _____
N/A ☒ _____

Recommendation

ACCEPTANCE:

Top Priority _____
Okay, but not crucial _____
Personal Preference _____

REGRET:

OPL Surrogate _____
WH Speakers Bureau _____
Presidential Message _____
Thank You ☒ _____

Comments:

EHD:
ACCEPT: _____
DECLINE: _____