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“QUOTE” OF THE WEEK

“If your state has a primary later than that, maybe you better move....”

—Sen. Bob Dole, predicting the GOP presidential race will be determined by March 26, 1996 due to early primaries.

Relations of the GOP triumverate

Presidential politics puts glare on complex relationship between Lugar, Quayle and Coats

It was December 1988 when a horde of reporters, 18 camera crews, Secret Service agents and staff gathered to hear Gov. Robert Orr introduce Dan Coats as his designated nominee to replace Vice President-elect Dan Quayle in the Senate.

The emerging triumverate of federal Republicans from Indiana was, thus, in place: Sens. Richard Lugar and Coats, and Vice President Quayle, who would intone that day, “Dick Lugar will always be my senior senator.”

In a historical context, Quayle, Lugar and Coats have emerged as defining lawmakers, each playing an intricate role in shaping the national agenda. Quayle did it during the 1992 presidential campaign with his “family values/Murphy Brown” speech. This year, Lugar’s presidential campaign defined the “loose nukes” issue at the United We Stand America convention in Dallas last August. It effectively prodded the Clinton administration to address the issue in what *Newsweek* calls an “unprecedented nuclear-safety summit” in Moscow next April.

Lugar, with roots in the United Methodist Church, ignited a national conservative backlash against state-sponsored gambling in a speech to the Christian Coalition last month. And Coats has emerged as a kinder and gentler Republican in the era of devolution, luring the GOP into his “Project for American Renewal” as a likely plank builder at the 1996 GOP National Convention in San Diego.

But seven years after this triumverate first gathered, the glare of presidential politics has exposed the hairline cracks, fractures and fissures in the relationship between the Quayle, Lugar and Coats camps. The firestorm occurred when Quayle announced he would head U.S. Sen. Bob Dole’s “Campaign America” political action committee.

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WDevil's Dictionary
By Ambrose Bierce

Omen, n. A sign that something will happen if nothing happens.

Slang, n. A means (under Providence) of setting up as a wit without a capital of sense.

HPR move causes publishing delay

HPR has moved its operations from Fort Wayne to Indianapolis, and that contributed to the delay of this edition. HPR plans to publish weekly on Tuesdays from now through the November election. - Brian A. Howey publisher

Quayle felt 'Lugar always tried to overshadow him'

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Quayle's move angered many Hoosier Republicans, who believed he should have been loyal to Lugar. Within hours, Quayle was backtracking, telling Mary Beth Schneider of the Indianapolis Star that it wasn't an endorsement. "There was an implication we were working for the Dole campaign," said Quayle. "It's just not true."

But it was Nelson Warfield, Dole's press aide, who called up the Lugar presidential campaign to smugly announce the "endorsement." The Dole campaign played it that way in Iowa and New Hampshire.

"Dole successfully exploited Dan Quayle's good name," said Terry Holt of the Lugar presidential campaign.

HPR talked with a number of close associates of the three men. The picture they reveal is a rivalry between Lugar and Quayle not unlike two Hoosier brothers on a high school basketball team - one trying to emerge from the other's shadow.

"The rivalry is real," explained a long-time associate of both Coats and Quayle. "It's worse at the staff level than member to member. The joint (Senate) office mitigated it."

The real story is that the relationship

between Quayle and Lugar is routed through each man's desire to be president, although the initial trappings of the relationship were seeded in the mentor/student model.

Lugar and Quayle both went to Congress the same year - 1976. Both defeated incumbent Democrats: Lugar over Sen. Vance Hartke and Quayle over Rep. Ed Roush. By 1980, Lugar helped Quayle defeat U.S. Sen. Birch Bayh. After the election, Quayle accepted Lugar's offer to join in on a joint Senate office as a cost-efficient method of providing constituent services.

Quayle associates confirm that the junior senator "felt Lugar always tried to overshadow him."

Several Lugar associates believe that Quayle suffered from a "little brother inferiority complex."

One Lugar associate went on to say the prim and proper Lugar was "shocked" at Quayle's "take-off-your-coat, roll-up-your-sleeves" style in the staid Senate.

Sources close to both Quayle and Lugar say that Lugar's best chance for joining the ticket came in 1980, before Ronald Reagan selected George Bush following a moribund Lugar speech at the national convention in Detroit. By 1988, Quayle strategically campaigned to join

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'Well, maybe the senator will get around to calling the vice president,' Hathaway said of Lugar's bid

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the ticket, knowing Bush was looking for a Baby Boomer who would appeal to social conservatives. Quayle sources say that Lugar's staff was "shocked" when Quayle was nominated.

Some sources said that Lugar was, at worst, "depressed" and at best "reflective" when Quayle was nominated as vice president. Yet, Lugar appeared with the ticket during the controversial stop in Huntington after the 1988 convention concluded.

By February 1995, both men had entered the '96 presidential race. When Quayle's PAC "Issues '96" learned of the Lugar presidential bid, a reliable source close to the former vice president said that chief aide, Anne Hathaway, reacted to the news by saying, "Well, maybe the senator will get around to calling the vice president."

Both men had momentum going into the campaign: Quayle just a few years off a vice presidential term with a conservative core of constituents on a national basis; and Lugar coming off a lop-sided re-election win. A November WISH-TV poll revealed Lugar leading President Clinton in Indiana 58-26 percent while Quayle led 43-37 percent. By February, when Lugar decided to run for the presidency, Quayle found that many prominent Hoosier Republicans had committed to the senior senator.

Sources close to both Lugar and Quayle say that Lugar's entry stung the former vice president and was a contributing factor to his withdrawal from the race.

When Quayle took over the Dole PAC, many Hoosier observers, like political talk show host Mike Pence, saw it as Quayle moving beyond the realm of Indiana politics. The net result of this is that Quayle's reputation is smudged in the eyes of many Indiana Republicans - and not all because of the perceived slight to Lugar.

"Intended or unintended, some people in Indiana are going to view this as not standing by another prominent and very respected figure in Indiana who is venerated in the party," said Peter Rusthoven, a former Lugar associate. "If the vice president were looking to do the best thing that would stand him in the best stead, it would be to support Lugar. He'd have cover because he's from the same state."

While the Quayles have resettled in Indiana since leaving office in 1993, it has not been smooth politically.

When Quayle left the presidential race, he appeared to snub the Indiana media. It wasn't until late in the news cycle that Quayle appeared before the Indiana press, where historically he has gotten the best shake.

For the second time since Quayle left the race, he has had to backpedal on an endorsement question. Students at the Medill School of Journalism reported that Quayle had endorsed Lugar in a *Michigan City News-Dispatch* article last spring. But Quayle confirmed at the time that neither he nor former President George Bush would be making an endorsement. Now he is backpedaling away from a perceived Dole endorsement.

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Play of the Week

Mayor Stephen Goldsmith scores a page 1 Indianapolis Star story accenting teenage pregnancy as the biggest threat to young people on the same day of Eric Miller's Citizens Concerned for the Constitution which hosted the five gubernatorial candidates.

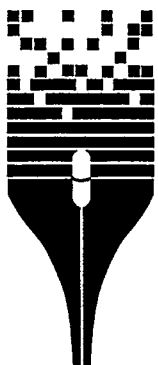


The Dan Quayle/Bob Dole endorsement controversy prompted HPR to ask the staff of U.S. Sen. Dan Coats where he stood in the presidential race. "He has endorsed Sen. Lugar some time ago," said press aide Tim Goeglein. In fact, last week on the Charlie Rose Show, Coats was asked that very question. He responded that he was "endorsing the senior senator from Indiana."

Jean Lushin, the Democratic mayoral nominee in Kokomo, had heart by-pass surgery. Howard County Democratic Chairman D.J. Bolinger, who also serves as Lushin's campaign manager said, "Everything just went perfectly" (Steve Jackson, Kokomo Tribune). Bolinger said he wants to see Lushin out before the voters as soon as possible, "even if it's in a wheelchair. Then we'll all be pushin' Lushin," which, ironically, is the campaign's slogan.

Cindy Henry was elected 4th CD Democratic vice chair,

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replacing *Shirley Clemons* of Huntington who died last summer. Henry is the wife of Fort Wayne City Councilman Tom Henry.

State Rep. Dean Mock, R-Elkhart and Chairman of the House Roads and Transportation Committee, is happy that Congress will let states set speed limits. "Speed limits can be handled better by the states and I am confident the Indiana Legislature will act responsibly in addressing this issue," Mock said. "While keeping safety a top priority, we can bring the limits in line with what drivers are driving, while at the same time having a no tolerance policy for speeders."

State Rep. John Becker, anxiously awaiting a new judge to be named in a lawsuit against the new ISTEP, tells HPR that initially, House GOP leadership was against filing the suit. "They're more comfortable with it now," Becker said.

Gov. Evan Bayh goofed during his speech before the inaugural ceremony of the Lincoln Museum in Fort Wayne. Bayh mentioned how the future president left Indiana "at age 14." Actually, Abraham Lincoln arrived in Indiana at age 7 about the time Indiana became a state in 1816, then left 14 years later as his family

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Congressional races take shape in 4th, 6th, 10th; McVey weighing decision to challenge Burton

If you're still thinking about running for Congress, then you probably can't afford to do it.

It is getting late in the game for Congressional challengers to get in the field, hire staff and begin raising money. In three Indiana districts - the 4th, 6th and 10th districts - there has been activity in recent weeks.

Washington political analyst Stuart Rothenberg, publisher of The Rothenberg Political Report, sets the backdrop for those still contemplating a run for the Congress:

"The next couple of months could have a significant impact on the 1996 House races, since the battle over Medicare, the budget and debt ceiling could define the parties, affect candidate recruitment, and impact the president's popularity."

Rothenberg adds that "Democrats so far avoided the flood of House retirements that many observers predicted" which is "good news for them." But he adds, "The odds that the Democrats will regain the House next year continue to lengthen now that the Republicans are poised to pick up another congressional seat or two in the next few months."

In Indiana, the one retirement question for Democrats comes in the 10th, where U.S. Rep. Andy Jacobs will announce his decision in November. There is plenty of activity on the GOP side of the 10th CD. Virginia Blankenbaker will announce her candidacy on Oct. 9 in Indianapolis. She has brought on Kim West as campaign manager, Dan Evans as treasurer,

Mary Moses Cochran as a co-chair, and Rosie Felton, who will likely serve in some financial capacity.

In the 6th CD, Brose McVey continues to weigh a GOP primary challenge to U.S. Rep. Dan Burton. "I'm making a serious effort to

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talk to people," said McVey, who was headed to Frankfort when HPR tracked him down to meet with a group of Republicans. "I'm still in the act of consideration. I hope to come to some conclusions," he said.

In the 4th CD, new Allen County Democratic Chairman Brian Stier had dinner with Geoff Paddock last week to try and prod him into the race. Paddock lost a 1992 race to State Sen. John Sinks, but polled a respectful 46 percent in a strong GOP district. Paddock is coming off a September dedication of Headwaters Park in Fort Wayne, a flood control project he directs that has resulted in a gorgeous downtown park.

"It's flattering to be mentioned," Paddock said, but added that it is not a race he is actively pursuing.

Two other 4th CD Democrats are considering a run at U.S. Rep. Mark Souder: Bruce Rosswurm, who lost a race to State Sen. Dick Worman in 1994, and IPEW political science professor Jerry Houseman.

Internet addresses for presidential campaigns

Here are Internet addresses for 1996 Republican presidential campaign offices:

Sen. Dick Lugar:

<http://www.iquest.net/lugar/lugar.html>

Sen. Phil Gramm:

<http://www.gram96.org>

Sen. Arlen Specter

<http://bizserve.com/specter/>

Pat Buchanan:

<http://iquest.com/7/8/buchanan/index.shtml>

Lamar Alexander

<http://www.lamar.com/7/8/lamar/>

Alan Keyes

<http://alan-keyes-96.gocin.com>

COLUMNISTS ON INDIANA

Jack Colwell, *South Bend Tribune* - Colin Powell is doing a great job selling his book. No doubt about that. Is he also selling himself skillfully as a candidate for president? Doubts arise. First, there is the uncertainty over whether Powell wants to be president - or, at least, over whether he wants to run for president, which is a requirement for winning the job. Also, there is uncertainty over whether Powell, so popular in the polls, is expanding or diminishing that popularity as he finally takes stands on controversial issues. Beyond electability is the question of what kind of president Powell would be. Like Ike? His intelligence and ability to inspire confidence are unquestioned. His lack of political experience - cited as a plus at a time of anti-politician frenzy - could actually be a handicap. A president must be a skillful politician to get much done in our system, which is a political system.

Gerry Lanosga, *Indianapolis News* - Public hypocrisy on the question of gambling has been in full flourish of late. That's right. It's back: The same "do-as-I-say-not-as-I-do" maneuver that will bring you state-sponsored riverboat casinos while cracking down on veterans playing poker at American Legion halls. Its latest incarnation came when nine county prosecutors gave notice to owners of illegal video gambling machines that they had better get rid of the devices or be raided. Over in Whitley County, Prosecutor John Whiteleather says he knows of 87 illegal gambling devices in 26 locations. That's a lot of machines. It's a pittance, of course, compared to the nearly 8,000 machines owned by the state of Indiana for use in printing out and validating tickets for Powerball and Hoosier Lotto.

Morton Marcus, *syndicated* - For the last 20 years, we have been tryin to reintroduce competition into regulated markets. The results are often mixed. Some customers in some cities are clearly better off as a result of airline and trucking deregulation. Competitive telephone services have not filled the air with unsightly wires, but with unbearable commercials and confus-

ing combinations of services. What should we expect of local and state regulators of the future? Should they be seeking ways to end monopolies and introduce competition, thus ending the need for regulation? For example, do we need to regulate local cable TV companies? Is there sufficient competition from dish technology that local monopolies no longer exist? And if electric or telephone companies want to provide TV services, should local government have any say? But what if the TV vendors are selling smut? Should we regulate the products offered our children? It's like asking, what if clothing stores are selling outfits that make our daughters look like streetwalkers? Should we regulate dress shops?

Harrison Ullman, *Nuvo* - Hard times have come to the arts in our town - hard times that will hang around for awhile. The people who run our government in Washington say they don't want to give money to the arts any more. They don't like Sesame Street, they don't like Mapplethorpe, they don't like "Catcher in the Rye." The Bayhsmith who's governor says we cannot spend our hardearnedtaxdollars - those have become one word in the governor's rhetoric - on anything as unessential as the arts. He's got \$1.3 billion of our hardearnedtaxdollars stuffed away in the state's surpluses and reserves, but we'll get no more money for our arts from this Bayhsmith. Meanwhile, the Bayhsmith who's mayor says he will not let us spend our own money on any fine and performing arts that don't bring tourists to fill the beds and boites of our Downtown hospitality industry. We must all learn again to enjoy the arts, not just appreciate them. We must make the arts popular, not privileged. We must make art part of our lives, not our lifestyles. We must invite all our neighbors to enjoy them with us, and then we must make our neighbors feel truly welcome when they accept our invitations. That's what we've got to do if we are serious about our arts. Artists do art for the sake of art. The rest of us should do the arts for our own sake.

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headed for new opportunities in Illinois.

State Reps. John Becker, Win Moses and Barb Engle will be asking Attorney General Pam Carter for an opinion on whether hazardous waste funds paid by Chemical Waste Management for the Adams Center Landfill between New Haven and Fort Wayne can be used to pay legal fees.

The city election has been called off in New Haven, due to a lack of Democratic opposition. All nine Republican candidates are unopposed. "It's kind of strange," said New Haven Mayor Robert Shaw. "It's going to feel like something is missing on Election Day when you can't vote" (*Namita Kamath, Journal Gazette*). Allen County GOP Chairman Steve Shine was more blunt. "Rather than face inevitable defeat, they decided to throw in the towel."

Cam Simpson of the Indianapolis Star/News writes that the process of luring Toyota to Evansville for Lt. Gov. Frank O'Bannon will either give him "a thrust or (help) blow him out of contention." On one hand, landing Toyota would be a huge boost for the Evansville area economy. But the Bayh-O'Bannon ticket won in 1988 after they criticized the incentives that brought the Isuzu-Suburu plant to

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Gubernatorial contenders graded on speeches before CCC forum

INDIANAPOLIS - It was a mostly teenage audience, but Eric Miller's Citizens Concerned for the Constitution forum brought the five declared or intended gubernatorial candidates together in one place, as well as much of the Statehouse press corps.

HPR heard the speeches, gauged the reaction and media coverage, and provides this synopsis of where the candidates stack up at this early point in the race.

REX EARLY

The Republican's speech began with the overall campaign theme: "simple, straight talk."

Early's legendary humor was left behind as he staked out the right flank on issues: \$25 license plates; absolute truth in sentencing; an end to prisons turning out "lean, mean drug-selling machines." He's for school choice, the parent should play the "number one role in schools" and there should be "zero tolerance for guns, gangs and illegal drugs in our schools."

His speech also establishes him as the chief bomb-thrower at front-runner Steve Goldsmith, with opaque criticism of the Indianapolis mayor for running for two offices and accepting campaign contributions from people with ties to casino gambling. Such issues had little resonance with the students, but Early was savvy enough to play to the gathered news media, which won him TV and print coverage, and had the press confronting Goldsmith after his speech.

Yet, Early stopped short of going for the gambling issue jugular by saying he was "against the future expansion of gambling." Had he called for the repeal of state-sponsored gambling, he would have been playing to the choir.

Impact: Early has established his right flank credentials via specific issues. Early also used the speech to gain valuable earned media
Grade: B+

GEORGE WITWER

The Bluffton newspaper publisher insists he is a true candidate for governor, yet observers couldn't help but see him as position-

ing himself for the No. 2 spot on the ticket.

Witwer lauded Goldsmith twice in his speech over the mayor's "teenage pregnancy" issue raised in that morning's Indianapolis Star, adding to speculation that he could offer Goldsmith geographical and private sector balance to the ticket.

Unlike Early, Witwer established himself on the right flank with themes instead of issues. Like Early, he touched on the gambling issue, calling the recent influx of video gambling as "attacking the moral foundations of society." But he stopped short of repeal - which would have excited this crowd - by saying, "We have to be against that. We have to slow it down."

Witwer noted that activism can work, noting that Time-Warner has jettisoned its gangsta rap label. "They heard the message. If we do not respond, then how is it we are going to protect the children?"

Witwer won warm applause by saying, "We must stand against the night. No one is behind us."

Impact: Witwer showed he could warm up a young audience with broad conservative themes. His position on the right flank is secure, but the continual question mark is whether he will have to the resources to go head to head with Early and Goldsmith. **Grade:** B+

FRANK O'BANNON

The lone Democrat staked out the centrist position with a speech that could aptly be described as "Lincolnesque."

He began by paying homage to the U.S. Constitution, which he called "that great document that undergirds our being."

With his warm, Bu-ternut Hoosier accent, O'Bannon recalled raising his kids in the small town of Corydon. When his family moved to Indianapolis eight years ago, it was "in a neighborhood in the midst of blight and abandonment."

"Two different worlds?" he asked rhetorically, before answering, "We have seen the commonality of the human experience. The kids in



CCC Speech Report Card

- O'Bannon.....A
- Witwer..... B+
- Early..... B+
- Goldsmith..... B
- Garton..... B



that neighborhood want the same love that the kids in Corydon want."

O'Bannon then brought his family into a contemporary historical context, noting that they have outgrown the Harrison County log cabin they return to for weekends and holidays. The answer was an 1866 German log barn "with large, hand-hewn poplar logs," but he explained, "What was good in the 19th century is not good enough today" without phones and electricity.

"So we're going to smart wire that barn" to use the family's multi-media computer. O'Bannon added, "We're going to take to new ideas and old truths. High tech needs high touch.

"The Constitution is like an old barn," he said before quoting poet Robert Frost: "The woods are lovely, dark and deep and I've got miles to go before I sleep."

Impact: O'Bannon played to a potential hostile crowd with an almost poetic foray that establishes him as a real player in 1996. Garton, who followed him, even commented, calling it a "terrific speech." The one conspicuous issue O'Bannon did play to - "Indiana is one of two states that haven't raised taxes in the last eight years" - brought applause and underscores the GOP's vulnerability against him. **Grade:** A

ROBERT GARTON

His was a speech filled with questions. "Who is meddling with America's moral values?" he asked the audience in the shortest speech of the day.

And what role does government play? He responded, "Government does legislate moral values. The criminal code is based on moral values: Thou shall not kill; thou shall not bear false witness against a neighbor.

"So government can be involved in moral values," Garton insisted. "How does that happen? You elect ethical people."

Garton played to the CCC forum, noting that "the price of democracy is the cost of participation. That is what the CCC is about, participation."

After telling the students to vote, Garton concluded his speech, left the dais, waded into the crowd and asked for questions.

Asked about school prayer, Garton said, "As long as we have tests in school, we'll have prayer." And added, "If it's good enough for the Indiana Senate, it sure as heck is good enough for schools."

Impact: Garton is a professional speaker and he communicates well. Some observers have said he "holds back" sometimes and they question his staying power in the race. Garton wading out into the crowd dispelled that, and it won him the best photo op of the day. **Grade:** B

STEVE GOLDSMITH

There is little doubt that Goldsmith is Eric Miller's man, having occupied the last speakers position at all previous Issues conferences. And Goldsmith exploited the opportunity with the Indianapolis Star story that morning on the teenage pregnancy initiative.

Goldsmith's speech was almost conversational in nature with the students, leading off with a few humorous stories before getting to the crux of his message: this is "the most important time" before government and its role in society.

He noted that government has "radically changed" to the point where "it takes our money" and "erodes our values."

Government "does do things well," Goldsmith noted, pointing to crime control. He noted that when he was first elected as prosecutor there were 27 adult bookstores in Marion County. Today there is one. "Which shows we can make a difference."

Goldsmith accented the latter portion of his speech on "the fatherless family" and his initiative to combat out-of-wedlock births.

Impact: Goldsmith connected with this audience. The fact that he had banner headlines in the morning paper going in shows the savvy of his organization. Goldsmith didn't let Early's gambling allegations get under his skin. Nor did he let the running for two offices issue put him on the defensive, telling the press after his speech that it was a legitimate concern. This is the kind of performance that leaves little doubt why the mayor is the man to beat on the GOP side of the equation. **Grade:** B+

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Lafayette. "There is a narrow margin here for Frank," said pollster Brian Vargus.

O'Bannon came under criticism from GOP gubernatorial hopeful George Witwer over the I-69 Extension project to Evansville. "Both in 1988 and in 1992, the Bayh/O'Bannon campaigns promised to work hard to have a shovel in the ground building this highway. But this has simply not happened. The campaign trail was about the only time we have heard the O'Bannon/Bayh team demonstrate any concern for this highway."

State Sen. Bob Garton is advocating reducing property taxes on business inventories as a key feature of any proposal to use part of the state surplus for property tax relief. In a speech before the Indiana Retail Council, Garton explained, "Indiana rightly lays claim to being the Crossroads of America. The way we tax inventories makes about as much sense as Florida taxing sunshine or Colorado taxing scenery."

Kevin Shaw Kellems has left the Lugar presidential campaign and is back in the senator's state office in Indianapolis.

Surprise! Gov. Evan Bayh established a federal exploratory committee for a '98 Senate run.

Campaign America is 'good for Dan Quayle's agenda'

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After leaving the presidential race, a possible Quayle governor candidacy angered other candidates when a decision to enter the race seemed to drag on.

And now comes the Dole PAC controversy. Not only was it received with outrage by rank and file Republicans, but the Hoosier news media seemed inflamed by the issue of loyalty.

"What stands out most is bad judgment exhibited by Quayle - a sign of weak political instincts that seems to ensure he will remain little more than a curious footnote in the history of American politics," editorialized the *Kokomo Tribune*. "Quayle chose to hook his wagon to the front-runner and ignore

the best man for the job even though Lugar is from Quayle's neck of the woods and has no excuse for not knowing the senator's qualities."

But a former Quayle associate saw the move as being "good for Dan Quayle's agenda. This was not a slap in the face of Dick Lugar. It just makes them look bitter," she said of the firestorm.

Why couldn't Quayle's Issues '96 organization accomplish the same goals as Dole's Campaign America? The former aide explained that Issues '96, operating out of Carmel, functions as Quayle's personal office, scheduling speeches and travel. It employs Hathaway, a speechwriter and several secretaries. "I don't know if Issues '96 could have gotten him there,"

the former aide said.

As for Coats, the junior senator's staff begs off questions concerning the Lugar/Quayle relationship. The senator expressed a measure of surprise before Statehouse reporters last February when Lugar got into the race, indicating the two senators aren't particularly close.

"Quayle and Coats are very close," a former Coats aide said. Which makes sense, since Coats emerged from Quayle's 4th CD staff to follow his Congressional footsteps. Now Coats is emerging as a national player, while at the same time facing the specter of a challenge by Evan Bayh in '98. Coats will need all the friends and associates he has, suggesting he will not attempt to redefine his relationships.



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