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## Dark Horse In Chicago Seeks Light

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., July 21 (UPI)—Thomas A. Foran, acknowledging that he must overcome an identity problem outside of Chicago, has begun an extensive downstate tour to test his strength as a possible Democratic gubernatorial candidate.

Foran, 47, served as U.S. attorney in Chicago from 1968-1970 and prosecuted the "Chicago Seven." He is now engaged in private law practice in Chicago.

It was his first news conference since a citizens committee was formed last week to push him as the Democratic nominee for governor in 1972.

Foran said he would begin by visiting a nine-county area in the next two weeks and would announce sometime in early September whether he will officially seek the nomination.

His intentions, however, appeared quite clear at the news conference. Twice he prefaced remarks by saying, "When I do declare. . ."

Foran's opponents for the Democratic nomination would be Lt. Gov. Paul Simon, State Auditor Michael Howlett and insurgent Daniel Walker, who is waging a fight against the regular Democratic organization headed by Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley.