

Notes on People

Kennedy's Fears

The "most crushing" consideration in his decision not to seek the 1972 Presidential nomination, said Senator Edward M. Kennedy, was the possibility of an assassination attempt.

He said in an interview published in Look magazine that he was aware of the pressures on him to carry on in the tradition of his slain brothers.

"But on the other side are the overriding personal considerations," he said. "My family and I take seriously my responsibility to my brothers' children as well as my own, and the tragedies—my brothers, the plane crash, the death at Chappaquiddick—anybody would be enormously affected by such experiences."

Mr. Kennedy said: "I try not to think about the Presidency. I don't discuss it with my family. We just don't talk about it. That business about promising my mother not to run, well, that's just not true."

But, he added, "even if I were willing to reach out for this opportunity [to run for the Presidency], personal pressures are overriding—subjecting my family to fears over my safety . . . the tensions on my mother . . ."

Another factor, Mr. Kennedy said, is the current mood of the nation as it would apply to a Kennedy candidacy.

"I feel it in my gut that it's the wrong time, that it's too early," he said. "Then too, maybe I would like to do it later on, in a different climate, more on my own."

Jack Benny will give away \$1-million Aug. 4. Repeat: Jack Benny will give away \$1-million Aug. 4. But the renowned skinflint won't really be pained by the experience. The money isn't his. Mr. Benny has been chosen to take part in the drawing to select the next millionaire in New Jersey's state lottery, set for the Garden State Arts Center.

"It is painfully apparent from the manner in which the United States attorney has proceeded that you are a target defendant, that this case will be given 'special treatment' by the Government," F. Lee Bailey, the Boston-based criminal lawyer, wrote District Attorney Jim Garrison of New Orleans.



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And so, Mr. Bailey said, he will be happy to defend Mr. Garrison against Federal charges that he accepted bribes of up to \$1,500 a month to protect illegal pinball machine gambling. For good measure, Mr. Bailey told Mr. Garrison, who says the Government is persecuting him because it wants to stifle his longstanding investigation of the John F. Kennedy assassination, "I will serve without fee in these matters."