

Secret Service to Protect 5 Democratic Candidates

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Secretary of the Treasury John B. Connally has decided that the Secret Service will protect five Democratic candidates for the Presidency. The protection, which begins tomorrow morning, will not include Senator Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts, who has said he is not a candidate, Mayor Lindsay of New York or Representative Shirley Chisholm of Brooklyn.

In response to a question, Martin R. Pollner, director of the Treasury's Office of Law Enforcement, said today that Mr. Connally had decided to provide protection for these candidates: Senator Edmund S. Muskie of Maine, Senator Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota, Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama, Senator George McGovern of South Dakota and

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Surveys and interviews in the first two primary states indicate that young people are tending to vote for liberal candidates but so far they have not had a drastic impact on the results. This and other news of the contests will be found on page 30.

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Senator Henry M. Jackson of Washington.

Mr. Pollner said the candidates had been notified and during private meetings last week were introduced to the leaders of their Secret Service details. The candidates were told that the job of the agents was solely to protect them, not to assist their staffs or do advance work.

At an estimated cost of \$190,000 to \$200,000 a month for each candidate, the protection authorized by Mr. Connally will cost roughly \$1-million a month. The Treasury Department said that other candidates might be given protection later on, depending on the course of politics and the primaries.

Secretary Connally, who was wounded by John F. Kennedy's assassin in 1963, had to make the ultimate decision as to

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whether the slain President's youngest brother was eligible for protection under the law.

Mr. Connally had received a recommendation from an advisory commission made up of the four Democratic and Republican leaders of Congress and a public member, Thomas H. Kuchel, a former Republican whip in the Senate. They suggested protection for "announced candidates" who were preferred by at least 5 per cent of those surveyed in either the Harris or Gallup Polls or "unannounced candidates" scoring at least 20 per cent.

Senator Kennedy, however, fell into a third category—that of announced noncandidate. He has filed affidavits in several states saying he was not running.

Mike Mansfield of Montana, the Senate Democratic leader who is a member of the advisory commission, has urged that Mr. Kennedy be given protection "because the public thinks he is" a candidate.

Richard C. Drayne, Mr. Kennedy's press secretary, has said, "If Secret Service protection were presented to Kennedy in a way that would imply he was a candidate, he would be obliged to turn it down." On the other hand, he said, "Clearly, Secret Service protection would be valuable to Kennedy."

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The Senator is planning to campaign for Democratic candidates later this year.

According to Mr. Pollner, Secretary Connally referred the question to Samuel Pierce, the general counsel of the Treasury, and Mr. Pierce concluded that the Senator's status prevented him from qualifying under the law.

The act providing for protec-

tion of "major candidates" was passed by Congress just days after the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy in 1968.

Only one Republican is campaigning against President Nixon—Representative John M. Ashbrook of Ohio. While he qualifies under the 5 per cent guideline, Mr. Connally decided not to protect him. Presumably, as in the case of the Democrats who will not be assigned Secret Service men, Mr. Connally weighed the likelihood of danger, cost and availability of agents.

Mr. Pollner said three Democrats had received 5 per cent or more in the polls but would not receive protection as of tomorrow. They are Mayor Lindsay, Representative Chisholm and former Senator Eugene J. McCarthy of Minnesota. Mayor Lindsay's aides have

been quoted as saying that Secret Service protection would hamper New York City-style street campaigning and that the Mayor was already protected by a New York detective.

Three other Democratic candidates—Representative Wilbur D. Mills of Arkansas, Senator Vance Hartke of Indiana and Mayor Sam Yorty of Los Angeles—have not received 5 per cent in the national polls, according to the Treasury Department. Terry Sanford, former Governor of North Carolina, entered the race only the week before last.

The Secret Service will not disclose the number of men in each detail protecting a candidate. However, 526 new agents have been hired over the last three years, bringing the candidate protection force to 720 men.