

M'Keithen Uncommitted On Running with RFK

BATON ROUGE (AP)—“It would take a lot of soul searching,” said Gov. John McKeithen when asked if he would accept the vice-presidential nomination should Robert F. Kennedy win the Democratic Party’s top spot.

The governor, returning here last night from an industry-hunting trip to New York and Washington, quickly added that he didn’t anticipate any such offer by Sen. Kennedy.

“And, besides that, Vice President Hubert Humphrey is a personal friend of mine and I would have to take that into consideration,” said McKeithen.

CITY Court Judge Edmund Reggie of Crowley, one of Kennedy’s key supporters in this state, boomed the governor for vice-president earlier yesterday.

McKeithen, said Reggie, has an “excellent chance” of becoming Kennedy’s running mate. Reggie said he had talked to the New York Democrat, younger brother of the late President John F. Kennedy, about choosing McKeithen.

KENNEDY is “extremely im-

pressed with the governor’s record,” added Reggie.

“I’m greatly honored about Judge Reggie’s statement,” said the governor, who has been publicly cool toward Kennedy and quite critical of the senator’s Vietnam stand.

“Let me say that I’ve had no conversation with any prospective candidates for president,” said McKeithen.

“I am not campaigning for anyone in this presidential race.”

ON THE POLICE BEAT

Jury Notes Lack Of Burial Space

The outgoing Orleans Parish Grand Jury, which was quite vocal in its criticism of most of the city’s district police stations, the Parish Prison and other public buildings, also called attention to the serious lack of public burial grounds and suggested cremation as a possible solution to be discussed by authorities.

“There are quite a few problems in the Coroner’s Office,” the Grand Jury noted in its final report made to Criminal District Court Judge Matthew S. Braniff. “One very particular problem, that is quite pressing, is the fact that there is a need for additional burial facilities.”

The jurors noted that the Coroner’s Office is in charge of autopsies for all stillborn and deceased premature babies, and in these cases “a majority will not claim the body.”



JACK DEMPSEY

The Coroner’s Office is required to keep a record of pride because his digent dead was called the N.O.P.D. The juror—of three of the most was called Maj. Edward M. Reuther, and Ptn. Joseph L. Foucha. Maj. reputation of being “one of the department’s long history” will be another ceme his post as Field Supervisor; Det. Gior- added how “alladin” because of his striking resemblance will rise er TV cowboy, was also widely known both on

tment and off because of his “colorful language.” Ptn. Foucha, a veteran of the Emergency Division’s ash unit is well remembered by scores of families who were grateful for his many errands of mercy.

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SHAW TRIAL FORECAST: If Judge Edward A. Haggerty, Jr. overrules defense attorney’s motion for a change of venue for Clay L. Shaw, look for the D.A.’s office to set the case for the first jury date in May—possibly the 13th. Why not April? Because a reporting firm which will handle the tedious steno chores is tied up in April with other commitments.

Also look for Judge Haggerty to approve the televising of the entire trial by a national educational TV network despite the vehement objection of the defense. The film would be shown after the trial is ended.

DID YOU KNOW? There’s a Ptn. Norris Kenney on the NOPD force, and a Deputy Sheriff Kenny Norris in the Jefferson Parish Sheriff’s office.

“BIGGEST SHOW IN TOWN:” Uniformed men of the department are currently soliciting merchants and others for ads for the Police Mutual Benevolent Association’s Year-book publishing in connection with the big benefit-variety show, “The Biggest Show In Town.” Ret. Lt. Joseph Maes, president of the P.M.B.A., stressed that each uniformed officer carries credentials identifying him as an ad solicitor and business men should ask to see these credentials. Lt. Maes also pointed out that the P.M.B.A. makes only personal calls and does no telephone canvassing.