

aspirant for the Vice-Presidency and is the choice of a number of Southern Governors and conservative Democrats. Most observers here consider Mr. Connally too close to President Johnson as well as too identified as a conservative to get serious consideration from Mr. Humphrey.

The governor said that he and the others had not discussed personalities with Mr. Humphrey, but added:

"We all agreed that it would be a great mistake to throw the convention open as far as a Vice-Presidential nominee."

The meeting with the Vice President took place in Wash-

ington and included Govs. Buford Ellington of Tennessee, Robert E. McNair of South Carolina, Hulett C. Smith of West Virginia, Charles L. Terry of Delaware and Mills E. Godmin of Virginia.

Humphrey Comments

SALINA, Kan., July 26 (UPI)—Vice President Humphrey said today that he welcomed Senator Kennedy's decision to speak out on major issues and that his decision not to run for Vice President was "understandable."

In a brief statement issued through his press secretary, Mr. Humphrey said he was confident that Mr. Kennedy's par-

ticipation in party affairs "will be helpful and constructive."

"The nation and the Democratic party are the better for his counsel and leadership," Mr. Humphrey said.

The Vice President was informed of the Kennedy announcement before he left Washington to campaign but delayed comment until he could read a copy of the statement.