

# Kennedy Race Seen By Vanocur

NBC news commentator Sander Vanocur said here last night that if there is no single Democratic Party leader in June, 1972, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy may step into the presidential race.

Vanocur, speaking at the Maurice Feingerts Memorial Lecture at the Jewish Community Center, said Sen. Edmund S. Muskie of Maine must be considered the Democratic frontrunner and Sen. George McGovern of South Dakota is likely to oppose him in the primaries.

But, he said, if neither Muskie nor McGovern shows great strength in June, 1972, Sen. Kennedy will enter the race.

Sen. Kennedy consistently has said publicly that he is not going to be a candidate for president in 1972. Vanocur has had close ties to the Kennedy family.

President Nixon can be beaten in 1972, Vanocur said.