Re-election Bid

Kennedy to Keep Seat in Senate

Associated Press

Boston

Senator Edward M. Kennedy said yesterday he will remain in his Senate seat and also retain his post as assistant Senate majority leader.

Kennedy said he will seek re-election to the Senate next year and if re-elected will serve the entire six-year term, apparently ruling out any bid for the presidency in 1972.

The statement released from his Boston office read:

"Senator Edward M. Kennedy is returning to Washington to resume his duties as United States Senator and assistant majority leader.

"He is grateful to the people of Massachusetts for their expressions of confidence and expects to submit his record to them as a candidate for re-election in 1970.

"If re-elected, he will serve out his entire six-year term."

Kennedy in a nationwide television address last Friday asked the people of Massachusetts to help him decide whether to resign from the Senate. But, he said, the ultimate decision would be his.

His television appearance followed by only a few hours his pleading guilty to leaving the scene of an accident in which a young woman was killed.

Kennedy was given a suspended two-month jail term

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and placed on probation for one year.

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Washington, D.C., was killed when Kennedy's car went off a narrow bridge and plunged into a tidal pool.

Since Kennedy's television appearance his summer home at Squaw Island in Hyannis Port and his Boston and Washington offices have been deluged with telephone calls, telegrams and letters.

Aides of the Senator have said the messages were overwhelmingly in favor of Kennedy remaining in office.

For the most part Kennedy has remained in seclusion at his summer home, leaving last week to attend Miss Kopechne's funeral in Pennsylvania, and last Sunday to attend Mass in nearby Hyannis.

Kennedy flew to New Jersey yesterday to attend the funeral of the father of Burke Marshall, a long-time Kennedy aide and assistant attorney general in the John F. Kennedy administration.

Marshall was one of those consulted by Kennedy following the fatal auto accident.

Kennedy's Grief Over Girl's Death

Bostor

Senator Edward M. Kennedy was so broken up by the death of a young Washington secretary that he could not explain the details to the girl's parents, although he called them twice, the Boston Globe said in a copyrighted story yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kopechne of Berkeley Heights, N.J., whose 28-year-old daughter Mary Jo was killed when Kennedy's car ran off a bridge on Chappaquiddick island July 18, told the Globe Kennedy was "still sobbing...so broken up he couldn't talk three days after the accident."

In an interview with the paper's Washington bureau reporters, the Kopechnes said they learned the details of their daughter's death from a reporter.

United Press

Muskie Will Make Fewer Appearances

Washington

Senator Edmund S. Muskie said yesterday he is reducing his cross-country appearances this fall despite the shifting political situation resulting from Senator Edward M. Kennedy's automobile accident.

The Maine Democrat said he thinks it is premature to discount Kennedy's political future.

With Kennedy out of the immediate picture, Muskie becomes the party's leading attraction along with former Vice President Humphrey, at party fund-raising dinners.

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