

# Readers Think Ted Should Quit

The majority of Tribune readers responding to last Sunday's Pro and Con question believe Sen. Edward Kennedy should resign from office.

Kennedy, involved in a tragic accident recently in which a young female passenger in the car he was driving died, subsequently announced he would finish his Senate term after Massachusetts residents gave him an overwhelming vote of confidence.

Sixty-two per cent of the persons responding answered "yes" to the question, "Do you believe Edward M. Ken-

Dr., Livermore, who said, "He refused to seek immediate help and contacted his lawyers before the accident was reported. By his actions he showed he was thinking only of his future. Morally he is no longer qualified for any public office."

"There are too many unanswered questions pertaining to this caper. I do

## The Results

Yes . . . . . 62%  
No . . . . . 38%

## Pro and Con

neddy should resign from the U.S. Senate," while 38 per cent said he should remain in office.

Many of the persons who felt he should leave the Senate were bitter in their criticism of the youngest Kennedy brother, who until the accident had been listed as a top contender for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1972 or 1976.

They generally felt there was much about the incident which has not been explained and that Kennedy reacted with panic and cowardice. Many commented on the lack of thorough investigation and called official reaction to the accident a "whitewash."

Those answering that Kennedy should stay in office took the position that the accident could have happened to anyone, that Kennedy is an excellent senator who is needed by the country and that the incident has been blown out of proportion by Kennedy's political enemies.

Typical of the "yes" answers was one from Donald Stiles, 1255 El Dorado

not feel he told the whole truth," said Rex Anderson of San Pablo.

James H. Crossman of 73 Crane Ave., Livermore, said, "Even though the senator represents the people of Massachusetts, his voice in the U.S. Senate affects all of the people. He has demonstrated he is irresponsible and does not display good judgment when under pressure."

"Yes I do hope he does resign," said Mrs. L. Moore of 5922 Camden St., Oakland. "Any man who will run off and leave a girl to die in his car should resign. With the air pocket she might have been saved. He ran away, his first concern was 'get me a lawyer.'"

On the other side of the issue was Richard Holick, 3918 Everett Ave., Oakland, who wrote, "His private life has nothing to do with his job as senator. He should also place his name on the ballot for presidency in 1972 — he'd make a wonderful president as did his brother."

"The same thing happened to me," said Aurora L. Holway, 2556 63rd Ave., Oakland. "I saved myself, remembered nothing for two days. The papers were not interested, my name was not popular. Let us not lose the last Kennedy."

Martin Rothe of 1201 Singingwood Ct., No. 4, in Walnut Creek said, "Senator Ted Kennedy will, after his recent tragedy has cooled off, have great influence in passing much needed liberal legislation in Congress."

The next Pro and Con question will appear in tomorrow's Tribune.