

Governors Count Ted Out in '72

No Hints on Demo Choice

COLORADO SPRINGS — (AP) — Democratic governors generally count Senator Edward Kennedy out of contention for the 1972 presidential nomination—but they are not ready to take sides or forecast a successor to the Senator as the party's front-runner for a challenge to President Nixon.

Republican governors, who outnumber the Democrats 30 to 20, are predictably unanimous in their praise of Nixon's White House performance so far.

Those views were expressed by governors, who began assembling here yesterday for the 61st National Governors Conference.

While most Democrats prepared to discuss the matter accept Kennedy's disclaimer of 1972 presidential candidacy, they are cautious about forecasting the prospects for a race three years away.

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"I have absolutely no way of knowing," said Governor Buford Ellington of Tennessee, the conference chairman.

"Anything can happen between now and 1972," said Governor John Burns of Hawaii.

Democratic governors who are guessing now expect a presidential lineup including Senator Edmund Muskie of Maine, Hubert Humphrey, Senator George McGovern of South Dakota and Senator Fred Harris of Oklahoma, now the Democratic national chairman.

Assessing Nixon's performance, Republicans generally agreed that the cautious approach at the White House has been good for the government and for the mood of the nation.

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"He avoided trying to do everything overnight, and this has regulated what was getting to be an almost frenetic national pulse," said Governor Tom McCall, Oregon Republican.

Approach Pleases

"The most impressive single facet of the Nixon Administration has been the thoughtful, well-studied approach that has characterized every effort," said GOP Governor Louie B. Nunn of Kentucky.

Governor Raymond P. Shafer, Pennsylvania Republican, agreed. "The absence of hysteria is providing the nation with a rational base for setting goals and establishing priorities," he said.

Some Democrats found the presidential pace grounds for criticism.

Governor Marvin Mandel of Maryland, a Democrat, said caution has produced inaction in the domestic field, and added "there has been no perceptible change in our foreign affairs."

Ted Takes His Wife Back Home

HYANNIS (Mas.) — (UPI) — Mrs. Joan Kennedy left Cape Cod Hospital yesterday after a three day stay. Her physician gave no explanation why she suffered her third miscarriage in six years.

Her husband, Senator Edward Kennedy, came to the hospital and left quietly with his 32 year old wife for the 15-minute drive to the family compound in Hyannis Port.

A hospital spokesman said Mrs. Kennedy, a slender and vivacious woman, "looked well" as she and the Senator were driven away in a waiting car.

She was taken to the hospital Thursday night while Kennedy and two of their children were on a camping trip to Nantucket Island.

Mrs. Kennedy, who also suffered miscarriages in May, 1963 and June, 1964, has three children. Kara, 11; Edward Jr., 9, and Patrick, 2.