

Shriver Is Being Rebuffed by Kennedy

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WASHINGTON, July 21—There is trouble in the Kennedy camp and perhaps in the Kennedy family over brother-in-law Sargent Shriver's incipient Presidential campaign.

Mr. Shriver Washington-listed some old Kennedy family friends on his "advisory committee" last week, including Morton Downey, the retired singer, and Carmine Bellino, the investigator. But in his search for active campaign help, the one-time Peace Corps and poverty program director and Democratic vice-presidential nominee in 1972 has time and again been rebuffed by Kennedy hands, among others.

The list of men who have said "no" or "not yet" to Mr. Shriver's appeals includes John L. Siegenthaler, editor of The Nashville Tennessean and once a special assistant to the late Robert F. Kennedy in the Attorney General's office; Paul Corbin, a political handyman with Robert Kennedy and now with Gov. Patrick J. Lucey of Wisconsin; Bill D. Moyers, the broadcast journalist; Donald O'Brien, a highly regarded Kennedy organizer from Sioux City, Iowa; and John M. Doar, who was impeachment counsel in the House proceedings against President Nixon last summer.

But the sharpest turn-down is said to have come from another brother-in-law, Stephen E. Smith of New York. "I'm waiting for Teddy," Mr. Smith told Mr. Shriver. And when Mr. Shriver quoted Senator Edward M. Kennedy's repeated disavowals of interest, Mr.

Smith said, "I'm still waiting for Teddy."

Judge Edmund Reggie, the Kennedy man in Louisiana since John F. Kennedy's 1960 Presidential campaign, remarked yesterday, "It seems to be one of those times when people want the genuine thing, not the in-law imitation." He is "waiting for Teddy," too.

Mr. Shriver has told friends he expects Robert S. Vance of Birmingham, Ala., to be his campaign manager. But Mr. Vance, citing his responsibilities as party chairman in a "sensitive" state, says, "I'm not in a position to get involved. I think it's a false alarm."

Don Pride, formerly press secretary to Gov. Reubin Askew of Florida, has been signed as chief spokesman for the Shriver campaign.

Contributors to the Nixon re-election campaign of 1972, including a number of Democrats, have been getting Mailgrams from David Packard, finance chairman of the President Ford Committee, asking them—or instructing them, it seemed to some—to send the maximum allowable contribution immediately.

"Please send your personal check today for \$1,000," Mr. Packard wrote, "as your vote of confidence in our President."

Vice President Rockefeller, meanwhile, has been mailing letters—in envelopes marked simply "The Vice President"—on the outside—asking for contributions to the Republican Senatorial Committee of up to \$25,000, the outer limit for donations to multicandidate committees.

"I have asked the committee to separate answers to this letter from regular mail so that I may have a com-

plete report of the response to this personal request," the Rockefeller letter states. But the procedure that allows Mr. Rockefeller to monitor the returns is also a device that lets Republican Senators measure the Vice President's fund-raising power.

Democratic Heavies is the name of the weight-watching group that meets every Monday evening in the new Senate Office Building here to share the agonies of dieting and to exchange tips on thinking thin. Matt Reese, the campaign consultant, was the organizer. Ranking members are the House Majority leader, Thomas P. O'Neill of Massachusetts, who says that in a lifetime of crash diets he has lost a total of 1,700 pounds, and Senator James Abourezk of South Dakota, who brings the scales.

Associates include Robert J. Keefe, political director of Senator Henry M. Jackson's Presidential campaign; Alan Baron, press secretary to Senator George McGovern; Liz Carpenter, the publicist and author; Frank N. Hoffman, executive director of the Senate Democratic Campaign Committee; Paul E. Goulding, an aide to Senator Claiborne Pell of Rhode Island; and Fred Israel, a lawyer associated with the Jackson campaign.

Indiana's Democratic State Central Committee voted unanimously over the weekend to urge Senator Birch Bayh to run for the Presidential nomination next year. The resolution was conceived by Bill Trisler, the party chairman, as a way of releasing Mr. Bayh from an eternal commitment to the Senate that he seemed to pledge

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in his 1974 re-election campaign.

Senator Bayh thanked the committee by phone and said that only a few details stood in the way of his formal announcement.

"We're close," according to Jay Berman, Mr. Bayh's chief assistant. Miles Rubin, who pledged an early \$50,000 to Senator McGovern in 1972 that year, is now encouraging and advising the Bayh camp. Steven Schlossberg, Washington counsel to the United Auto Workers, has

been there from the beginning.

Young Americans for Freedom has invited Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama to address its convention in Chicago in mid-August, hoping to advance an alliance between the Republican right and the erstwhile segregationist Democrat. But Mr. Wallace, who has never seemed as eager to embrace conservative Republicans as they are to court him, has not given Y.A.F. an answer.