

Rose Kennedy Interview JAN 5 1976

A Hint Ted May Run

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Rose Kennedy says "pressures" may force her only surviving son Senator Edward Kennedy (Dem-Mass.) to disregard her wishes and run for president this year.

"I feel Teddy may be pressured into running for president this year. I don't want him to, but the pressures may force him," Mrs. Kennedy was quoted as saying yesterday in the National Enquirer.

The weekly newspaper published a full-page interview with Mrs. Kennedy written by Charles Van Rensselaer of Palm Beach, Fla., a Kennedy family friend and former writer of the Cholly Knickerbocker column in the Hearst newspapers.

The 85-year-old widow of former Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy is quoted as saying:

"He promised me, he promised me faithfully that he would not run. I told him I did not want to see him die, too, that I could not stand another tragedy like the

deaths of his brothers John and Bobby.

"I have made Ted promise me repeatedly that he would not run for the presidency. I told him that his family needs him too much, that John's children and Bobby's children need him as the father they no longer have.

"But even though he has given me his promise that he will not run, I realize there are considerations that could make him change his mind. He may feel it is something he has to do, or the party may feel he must. And if that is his decision, I would support him. I'll campaign for him, anywhere he wants me to. You know, I'm quite a campaigner.

"He shouldn't run, though.

"Oh, no. No. We've had so many tragedies already. I have asked God that Teddy will be led to the right decision. But in the end, I have put it all in God's hands and I will follow his will, no

matter what it is."

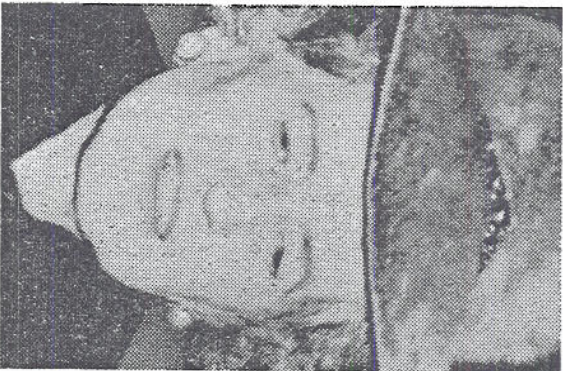
But last night, Kennedy reiterated his insistence that he will not be a presidential candidate this year. "Nothing is going to change my earlier statement or position," he told newsmen.

On other topics, Mrs. Kennedy said:

• She is delighted that Jacqueline Onassis, has taken a job with a New York publishing firm. "I think it is wonderful that Jackie has a reason to get up in the morning again."

• She telephoned granddaughter Caroline in London after a bomb exploded in front of the home in which the daughter of the late President was staying and offered some grandmotherly advice. "I had hoped Caroline would not be taken in by all the glitter of the social life. . . I had hoped that she could live a more quiet life as she was growing up."

• She thinks that despite the



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loss of her three sons, she has had an easy life. "I was lucky. I married for love and got money."

• She worries that her grandchildren are drawing away from the family's Roman Catholic faith. "I wish my grandchildren would use the Rosaries I have given to them, but they don't"

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