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PRECEDENCE LONDON KENNEDY POLITICS (A52)

NEW YORK, JULY 1 ¹⁹⁶⁴ (AP)-ATTY.GEN. ROBERT KENNEDY, FRESH FROM A WARM POPULAR RECEPTION IN POLAND, CAME HOME TODAY WITH A PROMISE THAT HE WILL STAY IN PUBLIC SERVICE.

BUT KENNEDY, WHO SAID DURING A BRIEF STOPOVER IN LONDON THAT HE WOULD RESIGN AS ATTORNEY GENERAL AFTER THE NOVEMBER ELECTION, TOLD NEWSMEN AT KENNEDY AIRPORT HE STILL DOES NOT KNOW WHAT KIND OF PUBLIC SERVICE IT WILL BE.

KENNEDY SAID HE HASN'T MADE UP HIS MIND WHETHER HE WOULD ACCEPT THE VICE PRESIDENTIAL SPOT ON THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET THIS FALL.

KENNEDY WAS ACCOMPANIED TO WEST GERMANY AND POLAND BY HIS WIFE AND THREE OF HIS CHILDREN.

HE SAID HE WAS MOST IMPRESSED BY THE "GREAT AFFECTION" THE PEOPLE OF GERMANY AND POLAND HAVE FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

THE POLES, HE ADDED, SHOWED "A VERY STRONG FEELING FOR PRESIDENT KENNEDY--WHAT HE STOOD FOR AND HIS IDEALS."

AS FOR HIMSELF, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SAID, HE INTENDS TO DO ALL HE CAN TO FURTHER THE EFFORTS OF HIS BROTHER, THE LATE PRESIDENT, STARTED TO SECURE WORLD PEACE AND PROVIDE A BETTER LIFE FOR THE PEOPLE.

HE HOPES, HE SAID, TO KEEP ALIVE "THE FLAME HE LIT."

SAYING THAT HE FELT NOT ENOUGH EFFORT HAD BEEN MADE IN THE PAST TO HEAL THE RIFT BETWEEN EAST AND WEST GERMANY, KENNEDY SAID HE FELT "WE SHOULD BEGIN WORKING AT IT RIGHT NOW... WHEN IT IS RELATIVELY CALM AND QUIET."

IF WE ARE STILL PLAGUED WITH THE SCHISM FIVE OR 10 YEARS FROM NOW, HE ADDED, IT MIGHT BE "MORE DIFFICULT TO CONTROL."

DURING HIS STOP IN LONDON, KENNEDY EXPLAINED WHY HE WOULD RESIGN AS ATTORNEY GENERAL AFTER THE ELECTION, SAYING:

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NIGHT LEAD KENNEDY POLITICS (WITH WARSAW) (160)

LONDON, JULY 1 ¹⁹⁶⁴ (AP)-REITERATING THAT HE WILL QUIT AS ATTORNEY GENERAL, ROBERT F. KENNEDY SAID TODAY "I HAVEN'T MADE UP MY MIND WHAT I WILL DO IN NOVEMBER WHEN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION TAKES PLACE, OR AFTERWARD."

"I AM NOT GOING TO STAY ON AS ATTORNEY GENERAL," KENNEDY TOLD AIRPORT REPORTERS ON A BRIEF STOPOVER EN ROUTE FROM WARSAW TO WASHINGTON.

"I WAS APPOINTED BY MY BROTHER, PRESIDENT JACK KENNEDY, AND IT SEEMS TO ME THAT PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON WOULD LIKE TO START OUT WITH NEW PEOPLE APPOINTED BY HIMSELF."

A REPORTER ASKED IF HE WOULD ACCEPT AN OFFER BY JOHNSON AS A VICE PRESIDENTIAL RUNNING MATE ON THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET. HE REPLIED HE HAD NOT DECIDED.

ASKED ABOUT PUBLISHED REPORTS THAT HE WAS THINKING OF LEAVING THE UNITED STATES AND MAKING HIS HOME ABROAD, HE SAID HE HAD BEEN THINKING OF TAKING HIS FAMILY ABROAD FOR A YEAR OR SO AFTER HE QUILTS OFFICE.

"WHERE?" HE ADDED. "I CAN'T SAY. ENGLAND IS ONE COUNTRY I HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT."

"I WOULD NEVER LIVE PERMANENTLY IN ANOTHER COUNTRY. I AM INTERESTED IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE, BUT AFTER NOVEMBER I DON'T KNOW WHAT MY PLANS WILL BE."

KENNEDY HAS SAID PREVIOUSLY HE PLANS TO RESIGN AS ATTORNEY GENERAL BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

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