

SOME DOUBT ON TED FOR VP**HHH to Get Nomination,
La. Political Leaders Say**

Louisiana Democratic leaders agreed almost unanimously today that Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey is destined to carry the Democratic standard into the 1968 presidential election and that Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's assassination only strengthened Humphrey's bid for the nomination.

Several Democrats questioned today by the States-Item endorsed the speculative idea that Sen. Edward M. "Ted" Kennedy, the last of the four Kennedy brothers, might become the vice presidential candidate on the ticket to be formed at the national

convention in Chicago in August.

REP. CLARENCE D. Long, D-Md., today urged Humphrey in a telegram to invite Ted Kennedy to be his running mate on the Democratic ticket. He said the partnership would strengthen and unify the Democratic party.

Those who said Humphrey has been strengthened by the tragic death of Kennedy included Blanche Long, Louisiana's Democratic national committeewoman; Victor Bussie, state president of the AFL-CIO; Arthur C. Watson, Natchitoches, chairman of the

Democratic State Central Committee; Jesse Webb, Baton Rouge, secretary of the Democratic State Central Committee; Henry Engler, chairman of the Orleans Parish Democratic Central Committee, Mayor Victor H. Schiro; Edward M. Carmouche, Lake Charles, past chairman of the state central committee, and state Sen. Michael H. O'Keefe.

Judge Edmund Reggie of Crowley, Kennedy's campaign manager in Louisiana, in New York for the funeral services, declined to comment.

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