

WALLACE DELAYS ENTRY IN '76 RACE

Plans Formal Announcement Near End of the Year

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Washington, June 12—Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama bobbed away today from the formal Presidential candidacy that he had been planning to announce next week.

"I'm not really interested in making any formal announcement right now," Mr. Wallace declared from his office in Montgomery. He still intends to run, he said, but it will be "toward the end of the year" before his friends and adversaries get the official word.

The Governor offered no personal or tactical reasons for the postponement beyond his

remark at the National Governors Conference in New Orleans yesterday: "People aren't worried about 1976 right now; they're worried about 1975."

But Mr. Wallace has also demonstrated that he does not need a big formal ceremony to be taken seriously. As an undeclared candidate, he has managed not only to raise campaign money and get national news coverage but, increasingly, to preoccupy anxious rivals within the Democratic party.

Representative Morris K. Udall of Arizona, a candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination, delivered the most extensive of numerous new Democratic attacks on Mr. Wallace today in a speech to the national convention of the Communications Workers of America in San Diego.

Mr. Udall said the Alabama Governor had "a record of failure" in his home state, with "the bullying tactics of a rule-or-ruin politician" in Democratic party affairs, and above all, with a spirit of "negativism."

"This is the George Wallace

brand," Mr. Udall said, "a gaudy label, promoted by catchy slogans that touch every raw nerve of fear and resentment. And inside this package there is nothing," Mr. Udall added. "It is know-nothingism, pure and simple."

A spokesman for Mr. Wallace said the Governor would not comment on the Udall speech. But it is the kind of attack, reflecting a high pitch of Democratic apprehension, that Mr. Wallace has openly enjoyed recently.

'Not Straining a Bit'

"I'm just sitting here, not straining a bit," Mr. Wallace remarked in New Orleans. "And it seems that I'm all that the other ones talk about."

Mr. Wallace's campaign staff was reportedly eager to declare his candidacy soon. In particular, his fund-raising consultant Richard A. Viguerie, has been saying that a formal announcement, demonstrating an immediate need for campaign money, would raise the rate of return on the Wallace campaign's

massive appeals through the mail.

A delayed announcement, on the other hand, gives Mr. Wallace more time to weigh the strategic choice between a bid for the Democratic nomination and a third-party race for the Presidency.

Mr. Wallace ran in the Democratic primaries in 1964 and again in 1972; and in 1968, he ran for President as a candidate of the American Independent party. He has not committed himself yet to either course in 1976—and might indeed try them both. But his past practice has been to delay the decision on that choice until the deadline.