

Kennedy to Stay in Senate; Implies No '72 Candidacy

Statement Says He Will Seek Re-election in 1970 and Serve Full 6-Year Term— Will Keep Post as Democratic Whip

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WASHINGTON, July 30 — Senator Edward M. Kennedy will stay in the Senate and keep his post as Democratic Whip, or assistant majority leader, but he apparently has taken himself out of the Presidential race in 1972.

A statement made public today by his Boston office said: "Senator Edward M. Kennedy is returning to Washington to resume his duties as United States Senator and assistant majority leader.

"He is grateful to the people of Massachusetts for their expressions of confidence and expects to submit his record to them as a candidate for re-election in 1970. If re-elected, he will serve out his entire six-year term."

Although that apparently

means a decision against seeking the Presidency in 1972, Mr. Kennedy's aides declined to discuss the matter further.

Richard Drayne, his press aide here, said, "I don't interpret the Senator's statements."

Asked if the statement meant what it seemed to mean, he added, "It seems unambiguous to me."

Mr. Kennedy attended today the funeral of Henry P. Marshall, the father of Burke Marshall, former Assistant Attorney General, at Plainfield, N. J.

He planned to come to Washington by car afterward for his first return here since the fatal accident in which he was

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involved July 18 in Massachusetts.

Mr. Drayne said that Mr. Kennedy would be in his Senate office tomorrow. He said that no news conference was planned.

Mr. Kennedy pleaded guilty last Friday to a charge of leaving the scene of a fatal accident. He was given a two-month suspended sentence and placed on probation for a year.

Ten hours later he went on nationwide television and said that he was considering resigning from the Senate. He said that his failure to report the fatal accident immediately was "indefensible."

He also said his "conduct and conversation" for several hours after the accident "made no sense to me at all."

He asked the people of Massachusetts to help him decide whether to resign.

His offices have since received thousands of pieces of mail, telegrams and telephone calls.

Mr. Drayne said that no tally of the messages had been made but that they were overwhelmingly favorable to the Senator.

The victim of the accident was Mary Jo Kopechne, a former employe here of Mr. Kennedy's late brother Robert.

Miss Kopechne was drowned when the car in which she and Mr. Kennedy were riding plunged from a bridge into a tidal pool on Chappaquiddick Island, which is separated by a narrow channel from Martha's Vineyard.

The accident occurred around midnight, and Mr. Kennedy did not report it until about nine hours later.

The Senator, who suffered minor injuries, has been secluded at his summer home in Hyannis Port most of the time since the accident.

Senator Fred R. Harris, Democrat of Oklahoma, who is chairman of the Democratic National Committee, said here that he was glad Mr. Kennedy had decided to remain in the Senate.

"His decision is good for the country, for Massachusetts, for the Senate and the Democratic party," he said.

Senator George D. Aiken, Republican of Vermont, said to United Press International, when informed of Mr. Kennedy's decision:

"Didn't you expect it? You don't think 30 million Democrats are going to stand by idly and see another Republican Senator?"

Voters Are Polled

An Oliver Quayle poll conducted among Massachusetts voters for the National Broadcasting Company showed yesterday that voters in Mr. Kennedy's state want him to remain their Senator, but they are not so certain about his desirability as a Presidential candidate.

The poll was taken by telephone. In 80 precincts selected at random, 408 voters were asked if the Senator should resign. Eighty-one per cent said no; 8 per cent said yes.

The other questions: How about Mr. Kennedy for President?

Before the accident, 72 per cent favored him. Following the accident this dropped to 55 per cent.

Did you believe what Mr. Kennedy said about driving under the influence of alcohol? Believed, 75 per cent, did not believe, 25 per cent.

Did he leave a number of questions unanswered?

Yes, 56 per cent; No, 44 per cent.

The results of the poll was released on last night's Huntley-Brinkley newscast.

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MARSHALL—Henry Place, on July 27, 1969.
Husband of Dorothy Burke Marshall.
Residence 969 Cedar Brook Road, Plain-
field, N. J. Father of Burke Marshall,
Mrs. William P. Munger and Miss Grace
Marshall. Also survived by seven grand-
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Associated Press

WILL RETURN TO SENATE: Senator Edward M. Kennedy, accompanied by Joseph Kennedy Jr., son of Robert F. Kennedy, at Hyannis airport yesterday. The Senator went to memorial service for Henry Marshall, Burke Marshall's father, in New Jersey.