

McCarthy Won't Quit The Race

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Intimates of Senator Eugene J. McCarthy said yesterday he had no intention of withdrawing from the presidential race or joining forces with Vice President Hubert Humphrey as a result of Senator Robert Kennedy's death.

McCarthy telephoned Humphrey here Wednesday night after both had canceled their campaign activity and discussed the possibility of their meeting together later. There was no indication of why he wanted a meeting.

ASSASSIN

Persons close to McCarthy discounted the likelihood of his making any agreement with Humphrey. They cited the differences between the two men on the Vietnam war.

They said that if McCarthy withdrew, it would mean that a single assassin had effectively removed all opposition to the Johnson Administration's war policy in the Democratic race.

McCarthy was in seclusion

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yesterday and not available for comment.

A spokesman for the Vice President said Humphrey was ready to meet with McCarthy whenever the Senator wished.

The spokesman declined to speculate on what the two men would discuss. He said they did not talk politics "at any length" on the telephone last night.

A spokesman for McCarthy said he thought it unlikely that the Humphrey-McCarthy meeting would occur before next week.

Sources in the McCarthy camp conceded that most of the delegate strength that might have gone to Kennedy

probably would now go to Humphrey.

They reasoned that Kennedy had more influence than McCarthy among the professional politicians who sway delegate votes.

The professionals, they said, are more likely to shift their allegiance to Humphrey, the favorite among party regulars, than to McCarthy, the party maverick.

Japan Quake

Tokyo

A mild earthquake shook northern Japan this morning. There were no reports of casualties or damage.

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