

Ted Won't Run, His Friends Say

Washington

Senator Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts is strongly opposed, at least for the time being, to the idea of a vice presidential nomination this year, close associates said yesterday.

They also said he has no intention of replacing his brother Robert as a presidential contender in 1968 and that he plans to return to his normal Senate duties within a few days.

Persons close to Vice President Hubert Humphrey have informed the Kennedy forces informally that Edward Kennedy would be welcomed as a running mate of Humphrey, the Kennedy associates said.

The prevailing view in the Kennedy organization is that, with Robert's death, Humphrey is assured the nomination and that nothing Edward Kennedy could do would deny it to him.

The large campaign organization that had been put together for Robert Kennedy since he entered the race on March 16 was being dismantled yesterday.

Edward Kennedy has promised to find employment for the many staff workers who were left without jobs by the senator's death.

Only Richard Goodwin, a speech writer and former White House assistant, planned to join the campaign of Senator Eugene J. McCarthy.

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