

# EDWARD KENNEDY AGAINST '68 RACE

Friends Assert He Opposes  
Attempt to Get on Ticket  
or to Stop Humphrey

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Senator Edward M. Kennedy is strongly opposed, at least for the time being, to the idea of a Vice Presidential nomination this year, close associates said today.

They also said he had no intention of replacing his brother Robert as a Presidential contender in 1968 and that he planned to return to his normal Senate duties in a few days.

Mr. Kennedy, the last of the sons of Joseph P. Kennedy, flew to Hyannis Port, Mass., today for a brief visit with his 79-year-old father, who is partly paralyzed from a stroke suffered in 1961.

## Urged to Withdraw

In New Orleans, the Most Rev. Philip M. Hannan, who was at the graveside services for Robert Kennedy on Saturday night, said in an interview with The Times-Picayune that close friends of Edward Kennedy had urged him to withdraw from political life.

"The natural reaction of the Kennedy family and of close friends is to discourage Ted from the career which has proved fatal to two of his older brothers," the Roman Catholic Archbishop was quoted as saying.

However, persons close to

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Senator Kennedy, who have talked to him since his brother's death, said he definitely would not withdraw. "It's not in the tradition," one said.

The tradition was expressed by President Kennedy when, as a Senator from Massachusetts, he was quoted as saying:

"Just as I went into politics because Joe [Joseph P. Kennedy Jr.] died, if anything happened to me tomorrow, my brother Bobby would run for my seat in the Senate, and if Bobby died, Teddy would take over for him."

Edward, whose nickname is "Teddy," maintained the tradition when he delivered a eulogy at his brother's funeral and appeared on the rear of the funeral train to greet the crowds.

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GOES TO VISIT HIS FATHER: Edward M. Kennedy, the only survivor among the four sons of Joseph P. Kennedy, at airport at Hyannis, Mass., yesterday. The Massachusetts Senator visited his partly paralyzed father at Hyannis Port.

The opinion in the Kennedy organization is that, with Robert Kennedy's death, Vice President Humphrey is assured of the nomination and that nothing Edward Kennedy does can deny it to him.

It also is felt that it would be impertinent for Edward Kennedy to try to stop Mr. Humphrey. Furthermore, it is believed, he is not now emotionally prepared to do so.

## Staff Dismantled

Indeed, the large campaign organization that had been put together since Robert Kennedy entered the race on March 16 was being dismantled today.

The national headquarters, in a new office building here at 20th and L Streets, N.W., will be closed in about one week. It was in full operation today, winding up campaign affairs.

Mrs. Robert Kennedy, who remained at her home in McLean, Va., asked that each of the many thousands of letters of condolence that were pouring in be answered. And Edward Kennedy promised to find employment for the staff workers who were left without jobs by his brother's death.

The headquarters hummed with these activities much as it had with the task of winning the nomination for Robert Kennedy. As they worked, the Kennedy people were haunted by pictures and slogans of the candidate that filled the walls.

Mimeograph machines were still beside the stacks of unused speeches and releases they had ejected before the events in Los Angeles last week.

Most of the top people in the Kennedy campaign were planning to return to the private pursuits they had abandoned when Robert Kennedy entered the race.

Only Richard N. Goodwin, a speech writer and former White House assistant, planned to join the campaign of Senator Eugene J. McCarthy, who, like Robert Kennedy, had run in opposition to the policies of the Johnson Administration.

In his public speeches, Senator Kennedy had stressed the need for the Democratic party to embark on new directions and had said that Mr. Humphrey could not provide the leadership for this. He hoped for a coalition with Senator McCarthy to stop Mr. Humphrey.

Thus, the possibility of Edward Kennedy's throwing his support and that of the Kennedy organization to Senator McCarthy was discussed at length by the people closest to Robert Kennedy.

They decided, however, that this would be "inappropriate" for several reasons, one being that it would not work. Edward Kennedy's associates said he had decided to "do nothing" now except to return to the Senate and to remain flexible for the future.

They said the Senator was opposed to the idea of joining with Mr. Humphrey at the present time because such a coalition would not be in keeping with Robert Kennedy's campaign. They added, however, that circumstances could change.