

Connally Hints at 3d Party Bid For President 'to Serve Nation'

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 27 (AP)—John B. Connally, the former Texas Governor and Secretary of the Treasury, says he might run for President next year on a third party ticket if he decides that neither the Republicans nor the Democrats "are on a course that would tend to best serve the nation."

In an interview with Conservative Digest, Mr. Connally, who shifted from the Democratic Party to the Republican Party several years ago, added his name to what is becoming a rather long list of potential third-party candidates.

He was not asked about being a Republican candidate during the interview, which was conducted in Houston in October.

"If I think that neither of these two principal parties are

on a course that would tend to best serve the nation and a third party arose that I thought was committed to the very things in which I deeply believe, then I might well consider running," Mr. Connally

Former Senator Eugene J. McCarthy, a Democrat, already is running as a liberal, independent candidate for the Presidency.

Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama is running as a Democrat, but leaving open the possibility of third party candidacy if he decides he is being treated unfairly. And Senator Charles McC. Mathias, a liberal Republican from Maryland, has said he will decide by January

whether to run as a new party entry in the center, trying to draw support from liberals and moderates in both parties.