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Kennedy Can't Get Nomination --McKeithen

Gov. John J. McKeithen said in New Orleans today he does not believe Sen. Robert F. Kennedy has a chance to win the Democratic nomination for president at the national convention in August.

In a press conference prior to a speech before the Police Jury Association of Louisiana, the governor was asked if he thought Kennedy could win the nomination.

"I DON'T SEE how he can," said the governor. "I think he has in mind the nomination in 1972."

The governor also discounted a suggestion by Crowley Judge Edmund Reggie that he run on the Kennedy ticket as a vice-presidential candidate.

For one thing, said the governor, "Mr. Kennedy would not want me for vice-president . . ."

But the governor added that if anyone should seriously offer the vice-presidency, he would certainly consider the proposition.

"CERTAINLY SEN. Kennedy will not ask me," said the governor.

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Louisiana on April 5 McKeithen said he would be shown "all courtesy and hospitality" possible.

But the governor said he did not know that he would be on the speaker's platform with the presidential candidate.

"For one thing, I haven't been asked," said McKeithen. The governor said that he was not "jumping up and down" with enthusiasm over President Johnson, but added that he thought the President had been "badly treated about the Vietnam war."

HE SAID THE U.S. Senate and the governors of this country went on record more than a year ago endorsing the President's policy in Vietnam.

McKeithen said he had made no decision on a suggestion by the Gulf South Research Institute that the Louisiana Stadium and Exposition Commission take over operation of the Rivergate Exhibition Center at the foot of Canal st. The facility is being built by the Dock Board.

"We all realize that we've got to give the Dock Board some help," said the governor. "On the other hand, it looks like the domed stadium is going to need all the help it can get."

IN A SPEECH later, before the policy jury association, the governor covered a wide range of subjects, placing special emphasis on race relations and looking to possible trouble this summer.

"We're not going to have any trouble in Louisiana," said McKeithen. "We haven't solved all of the problems in Louisiana . . . but we're trying."

McKeithen said he would go to what he described as "one of the lower-income areas of the city" today, where he would talk to residents, look at their problems and "try to show them we want to help them."

At another point in his speech, he said, "we're determined that everyone will be treated equally. But also, we are going to see that everyone obeys the law."

"We're not going to stand by while a city burns down."