

Kennedy Next, Says Shriver

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Sargent Shriver said yesterday Senator Edward M. Kennedy has the inside track for a future Democratic presidential nomination, but he refused to concede that Senator George McGovern will not be elected tomorrow and running for re-election in 1976.

The Democratic vice presidential candidate said the polls are discouraging, but McGovern has won every election contest he has been in even though the polls universally showed him trailing.

Shriver said Kennedy, his brother-in-law who is senator from Massachusetts, is "probably the single most popular person in the Democratic party."

VIEWS

He gave his views on present and future presidential prospects during an appearance on the ABC TV-radio program, "Issues and Answers."

In response to a question, Shriver said "the most likely Democratic ticket in 1976 will be George McGovern and Sargent Shriver."

But later, he spoke at length of Kennedy's presi-

dential prospects. He said also he believes either Vice President Spiro T. Agnew or former Treasury Secretary John Connally has the best chance of being nominated on the Republican ticket four years from now.

Shriver took time out for the television appearance during a barnstorming bus trip down the East Coast.

Later, in Newark, N. J., he attended religious services at the all-black New Hope Baptist Church and at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

In the television interview, he criticized the news media for what he called preoccupation with polls and ignoring many of the issues of the campaign.

The Democratic vice presidential candidate renewed his attack on the Nixon administration on the pending Vietnam peace settlement.

"Why does General Nguyen Van Thieu have the right to say we shouldn't have peace?" Shriver asked about the South Vietnamese President.

CAMPAIGN

In Perth Amboy, N.J., Shriver said the North Vietnamese have confirmed his statement of the beginning of the campaign that Presi-



AP Wirephoto

Sargent Shriver smoothed the hair of his son, Tim, after Shriver had appeared on a TV program

dent Nixon blew a chance to end the war four years ago.

"Nixon says he won't be stampeded into peace. We say we won't be buffaloed into continuing the war," he said.

Shriver also said that many people thought that Martha Mitchell, wife of former Attorney General John Mitchell was "crackers" when he said she wanted her

husband out of Washington because of his political associations.

"Martha was right," Shriver said. "John was associating with thugs."

"Never before in any political campaign have people working for one party been indicted by a Federal Grand Jury or gone underground to avoid questioning."

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