

KENNEDY SPEAKS

AT WALLACE FETE

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**Tells Alabama Crowd Both
He and Governor Fight
for Rights of People**

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DECATUR, Ala., July 4—
Senator Edward M. Kennedy
flew into the Deep South today
to portray Gov. George C. Wal-
lace and himself as fellow war-
riors against those "who used
the people's power to strike at
the rights of the people."

With the Alabama Governor
in a wheel chair beside him at
a Fourth of July "Spirit of
America" festival, Mr. Kennedy
accused the Nixon Administra-
tion of having "taken the most
radical step toward dismember-
ing the spirit of our Revolution
and the protection of the Con-
stitution."

Watergate Denounced

The Massachusetts Democrat
sounded every bit the Presi-
dential candidate as he con-
ceded that "Governor Wallace
and I have different opinions
on some important issues,"
then proceeded to list a series
of neopopulist questions on
which they agree, such as high
interest rates, high taxes and
"the power which has been
absorbed by bureaucracies
ignorant of [people's] needs."

Mr. Kennedy also found com-
mon ground for himself and
Mr. Wallace by denouncing the
Watergate case and associated

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scandals.

"We don't compile lists of
enemies whose careers and
lives are to be shattered be-
cause of their disagreement,"
he said. "We don't use the
tactics of a criminal or the
power of the law in order to
silence those whose ideas of
politics are different from
ours."

Senator Kennedy told the
crowd of 10,000 people at Point
Mallard Park on the Tennessee
River that he stood against
those who "have failed to in-
sure black Americans equal ac-
cess to education and jobs."
But he added:

"Let no one think I come to
lecture you on that racial in-
justice which has proven to be
as deeply embedded and resist-
ant in the cities of the North as
in the counties of the South.

"Indeed, Southerners may
know even better than others
of the need for leadership to
free all men, white and black,
from hatred and the conse-
quences of hatred. We are no
more entitled to oppress a man
for his color than to shoot a
man for his belief."

Like Mr. Kennedy's brothers
John and Robert, Mr. Wallace
was the target of an assassin's
bullet. He survived the attack
by Arthur H. Bremer at Laurel,
Md., in May, 1972, but he was
paralyzed from the waist down.

Patriotism Award Given

Today he received the Audie
Murphy Patriotism Award at
this north Alabama town's
annual festival—a day-long
jamboree, with beauty, arm-
wrestling and greased-pig con-
tests, that was started in 1967
as a counter to the antiwar
movement in which Senator
Kennedy came to play a sig-
nificant role.

Mr. Wallace invited Senator
Kennedy to make the principal
speech, taking up an idea origi-
nally suggested by Winford
Turner, the assistant managing
editor of The Decatur Daily.
After a week's consideration,
Mr. Kennedy accepted.

The appearance here fitted
neatly with the Massachusetts
liberal's conviction, expressed
in a recent interview on tele-
vision, that "there are too many
people and voices in this coun-
try that are trying to divide."
He has told friends that the
Democratic party must find a
way to bring its ideologically
warring factions back together.

Mr. Wallace has come to
symbolize the frustrations of
Southerners, ethnic Northerners
and other traditional Democrats
who think the party has moved
too far left. They gave him vic-
tory in three Presidential pri-
maries and a second-place finish
in six others last year.

His success has stemmed in
part from his opposition to the
integration of the University of
Alabama. For the same reason,
he is anathema to most blacks,
who form about a quarter of
the Democratic vote.

Viewed as Unifier

Mr. Kennedy is viewed by
many admirers as the one man
who could bring together the
Wallace backers and the bulk
of the blacks. He has refused
to say whether he will seek
the Presidency, insisting that
he will decide nothing until
late 1974 or early 1975.

But the party professionals
do not take his disclaimer too
seriously, and such potential
candidates as Senator Walter
F. Mondale of Minnesota are
hanging back because of Mr.
Kennedy's presence. The visit
to Decatur will probably
strengthen their feelings.

Mr. Wallace was careful not

to commit himself or his fol-
lowers to Senator Kennedy; he
may decide to run himself. On
arrival here, the Governor said
that people of all political per-
suasions were welcome in Ala-
bama, and said pointedly that
the Democrats could not carry
Alabama in 1975 with a plat-
form similar to their 1972
platform.

In some ways, Mr. Kennedy's
trip to Alabama seemed similar
to his trip to Alaska in 1969,
which opened an abortive pre-
sidential bid that was cut
short by the accident at Chap-
paquiddick Island. About 100
newsmen, including a large
contingent from Washington,
traveled here for what seemed
to many the opening episode
of the 1976 campaign.

Nixon Aides Denounced

The dominant note of Mr. Ken-
nedy's speech was an attack on
President Nixon and his as-
sociates. In a key paragraph,
the Senator asserted: "The Ad-
ministration, masquerading as
conservative, has taken the
most radical steps toward dis-
membering the spirit of our
Revolution and the protections
of the Constitution. They ad-
minister the nation's business
through men hidden in the
White House—men responsible
neither to Congress nor the
the public—men who cannot
be compelled to account for
their actions or even to disclose
them."