

Sorensen Scores News Reports On Kennedy's Auto Accident

Theodore C. Sorensen, who was a lawyer for Senator Edward M. Kennedy in the automobile accident death of a Washington secretary last month, said yesterday that "some elements in the press" had been unfair "by printing lies" and "exaggerating rumors."

One example, Mr. Sorensen said in a WNBC-TV "Searchlight" program, was an allegation that 17 telephone calls had been made in the early hours of July 19 after the accident.

"No telephone calls were made that night, and since I was supposedly the recipient to two of them, I'm in a position to know," Mr. Sorensen said. He also said, "No attempt was made that night to call me or any member of my firm or any associate of mine."

Mr. Sorensen declared con-

fidence that Mr. Kennedy would be re-elected to the Senate from Massachusetts and had "no desire to be a candidate for the Presidency in 1972."

Harm to Party Doubted

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24 (UPI)

— Three leading Democrats downgraded today the effects that Senator Edward M. Kennedy's automobile accident would have on the party and one predicted that Mr. Kennedy would eventually become President.

"I fully expect to see Senator Kennedy President of the United States some day," said Senator George S. McGovern of South Dakota.

Mr. McGovern, Senator Fred R. Harris of Oklahoma and Senator S. Muskie of Maine were interviewed separately on radio, by Metromedia News, on the status of the party.