

Excerpts from undated story by Loye Miller Jr., Knight News Service, SF Sunday Ex & Chr., 22 Sep 74:

Reporters travelling with Sen. Ted Kennedy on a recent political swing noticed two things that were new:

First, Kennedy suddenly said he soon will indicate whether he expects to run for president in 1976 - moving up his announced timetable by nearly a year.

But even as the Massachusetts senator accelerated his '76 scenario, he seemed to find the hurly-burly of campaigning far less enjoyable than he usually does.

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Only 10 days ago [12? Sep], during a trip to address a friendly labor audience in Lansing, Mich., Kennedy gave no hint of such changes.

His partisan speech was full of fire and feeling, the sort of sharp performance he can deliver almost effortlessly.

When Lansing newsmen asked whether he would run in 1976, he repeated the answer he has clung to for almost two years: He won't decide until late in 1975.

But one week later [19? Sep]* during a three-day swing that began in Cincinnati and ended in California, the senator suddenly abandoned that stock answer.

In Los Angeles, he said he expects to indicate his intention late this year or early in 1975. *

*Michael Harris, SFC correspondent, Los Angeles, gives the date of Kennedy statement as 13 Sep 74. (SFC 14 Sep 74)

Kennedy announces he will not be a presidential candidate in 1976, 23 Sep 74: "This decision is firm, final and unconditional. There is absolutely no circumstance or event that will alter the decision."

Excerpts from undated story by Joanne Omang, WXP 27 Sep 74:

[12 Sep 74] Richard Drayne, Senator Kennedy's press spokesman, said Kennedy's office was notified September 12 "by the FBI of Boston that they had information there was a proposed conspiracy to kidnap one of the children in the Kennedy family."

[13 Sep 74] Treasury Department spokesmen said the protective details authorized by President Ford began September 13 for ... three of Robert and Ethel Kennedy's 11 children and one nephew. "It wasn't clear which of the kids was the target," said Treasury Undersecretary Edward C. Schmults.

[20 Sep 74] The temporary protection ended on September 20 and there are no plans for further action other than a continuing investigation of the threat, according to a Secret Service spokesman.

[22 Sep 74] Reports circulated yesterday that the children of Senator Edward M. Kennedy ... were the targets of threats on Sunday [22 Sep], the day before he announced he would not seek the presidency in 1976 but both Schmultz and a spokesman for the senator said there were no such threats on that day.

See also Jack Anderson, SFC 30 Sep 74, filed RPK (A).

(Boston)
Excerpts from AP story, SFC
10 Sep 74:

[9 Sep 74] Senator Edward Kennedy ... was booed off a stage and splattered with a tomato [today] when he tried to address an angry crowd of anti-busing demonstrators.

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A crowd estimated by police at 8,000 to 10,000 persons shouted insults, chanted "Impeach Kennedy," turned their backs on the Senator and sang "God Bless America" when he stepped to the microphone.

As Kennedy and his aides climbed down from the platform and walked briskly around the edge of the crowd, several women leaped in front of him and shook their fists. At least one struck him on the shoulder.