

Bobby 'Won't Challenge Johnson'

Washington

Senator Robert F. Kennedy says he will not challenge President Johnson for the Democratic nomination in 1968 or accept a vice presidential bid "under any circumstances."

He also denied he had any plans for a presidential run in 1972.

In an interview with the Saturday Evening Post, Kennedy was quoted as saying he planned only to seek reelection to the Senate from New York in 1970.

"I don't think I can plan" for a 1972 presidential try, he said. "It would be foolish. I don't even know if I'm going to be here . . . I don't have any long-range strategy — but I think everybody's going to go on thinking I do."

Asked if he felt Mr. Johnson would dump Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey at next summer's Democratic convention on grounds his influence is waning with liber-

als, Kennedy said:

"First I don't think he will be in that mood, and I would think it very peculiar if he was; and unfair, and a betrayal of Humbert Humphrey . . .

"I am not going to be vice president under any circumstances," Kennedy said. "I am satisfied where I am, and I don't think he would offer it to me under any circumstances."

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