

HHH to Gain RFK Votes

By The Associated Press

Vice President Humphrey stands to inherit such a large share of the national convention delegates left unattached by the death of Sen. Robert Kennedy that his nomination for the presidency seems assured, the New York Times said today.

This, the Washington story said, was the major conclusion of a survey of the effect of the Kennedy assassination on the Democratic party's choice of a nominee conducted by correspondents of the Times.

The story also said in part:

The state-by-state inquiry indicated more than 400 delegates who had been pledged or were leaning toward the New York senator or avail-

able to his cause are now expected to support Humphrey at the Chicago convention, which starts Aug. 26.

Sen. Eugene McCarthy of Minnesota, the only remaining contender in the field, has the allegiance of only about 75 delegates who had previously been considered in the Kennedy camp.

The addition of more than 400 delegates to his existing

convention strength would give Humphrey more than 1600 delegates, by a generally conservative count. The majority needed for nomination is 1312.

Comparable estimates of McCarthy's delegate strength, not including any results from New York, were less than 450.

This left about 600 delegates listed as undecided.