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# McCarthy Suggests Mansfield Take Rusk's Place in Cabinet

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ST. PAUL, April 21—Senator Eugene J. McCarthy proposed today that Secretary of State Dean Rusk be replaced by Senator Mike Mansfield of Montana, the majority leader of the Senate.

The change would be regarded, Senator McCarthy said, as "symbolic" of the nation's determination to bring an end to the Vietnam war. It would be received abroad as evidence that the United States was willing to change its Vietnam policy, he said.

Senator McCarthy brought his campaign for the Democratic Presidential nomination back to his home state today and told the Ramsey County convention of the Democratic Farm Labor party that he was going to continue discussing personalities whether his chief rival for the nomination, Senator Robert F. Kennedy, liked it or not.

### Draws Laughter

A few days ago Senator Kennedy, when asked to comment on Senator McCarthy's frequent attacks on Secretary Rusk, replied that he did not deal in personalities.

Recalling Senator Kennedy's remarks, Senator McCarthy drew laughter from the convention delegates with the tart comment: "The last man to say that was Dwight D. Eisenhower."

Senator McCarthy said in Washington during a televised interview on the A.B.C. network's "Issues and Answers" program that he wanted the Administration to dismiss J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as well as Mr. Rusk.

Mr. Hoover has been in charge of the F.B.I. so long that he tends to regard it "as a kind of fief," Senator McCarthy said.

His choice of Mr. Mansfield to replace Mr. Rusk was based, he said, on the majority leader's criticism of Administration war policies.

### Would Warn Saigon

He chided the Administration for not accepting North Vietnam's proposal of Warsaw as a site for the preliminary peace talks. He ridiculed Washing-

ton's counter proposal of 10 "suitable" sites, saying that the Administration's maneuvering "begins to sound like a numbers game."

If Saigon should obstruct the peace talks, Senator McCarthy said, the United States should warn South Vietnamese leaders that American forces would "begin some kind of drawback and that they'd have to carry on the fight themselves."

Arriving at Minneapolis-St. Paul airport, Senator McCarthy told a news conference that he expected the Minnesota delegation to split its 52 convention votes evenly between himself and Vice President Humphrey, who is expected to make his formal entry into the race next Saturday.

Senator McCarthy was received with cheers at the Ramsey County convention, held here in the same auditorium where 20 years ago he had opened his first political campaign, a campaign that sent him to Congress.

Senator McCarthy is regarded as strong in St. Paul and Minneapolis, with 16 delegates in the Twin Cities believed to be firmly committed to him.

But even in St. Paul today there were Humphrey banners in the hall. And the Senator's prediction of an even split in the Minnesota delegation was ridiculed by pro-Humphrey politicians.

"If McCarthy says he's got 16 votes, that's as high as he's going to get," said Karl F. Grittner, minority leader of the State Senate. "Humphrey will get the rest."

### McCarthy Group Formed

Supporters of Senator McCarthy announced yesterday the formation of a citizens committee to campaign for the Minnesotan in his bid to capture the Democratic Presidential nomination.

Thomas K. Finletter, Secretary of the Air Force under President Harry S. Truman, made the announcement. He said a committee headquarters will be officially opened at 64 West 65th Street tomorrow. He said the Senator was expected to attend.