

## Wallace Says He Rejected No. 2 Spot

MONTGOMERY, Ala., March 8 (UPI)—Gov. George C. Wallace says some "important people" offered him the Democratic vice presidential nomination in 1972 but he rejected it because of the party platform.

"Some important people came and offered me the vice presidency in exchange for my delegates," Wallace said in an interview, saying that Sen. George McGovern (D-S.D.), the Democratic nominee, did not come to him personally.

"If I told you who they were you would know they were important. But I turned them down because I couldn't run on their platform," Wallace said.

Wallace said again he has not made up his mind about 1976, but that he would not rule out a fourth bid for the presidency or the possibility he might accept the vice presidency.

Wallace carried 377 delegates to the Democratic National Convention in 1972, and aides said Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.) offered him the second spot in a "stop McGovern" movement.

Wallace could have held the balance of power if a challenge to the California delegation had robbed McGovern of the votes he needed for a first-ballot victory.

McGovern won the challenge and the nomination.

Despite Wallace's disclaimers, his national campaign staff is working to establish grass-roots organizations in every state.