

Gov. George Wallace and the Rev. Ralph Abernathy receive honorary degrees at Alabama State University.

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Wallace Considering Vice Presidency Slot

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MONTGOMERY, Ala., May 6—Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama while refusing to "paint himself into a corner," says he would consider accepting the Democratic vice presidential nomination in 1976 if the top spot on the ticket eludes him and he can live with the candidate and the party platform.

In an interview in his exercise room in the executive mansion here, the paralyzed governor—critically wounded by a would-be assassin while a candidate for the 1972 Democratic nomination—insisted that he has not yet decided his role in 1976.

"We'll see the direction of the party after this winter's mini-convention in Kansas

City," he said. "Then, after that, we'll look at the situation again and make a decision."

"Sure, I've given it thought. Not a lot of thought, but some thought. If the platform were right and the presidential candidate were right, and I could agree on things with him, I'd consider the vice presidential nomination—if I were considering anything at all."

Wallace says he feels that 100 per cent agreement might be worse than minor differences between candidates at the top of the ticket.

He said he has not discussed his future role with anyone in the Democratic Party, and certainly not with the potential candidates for President two years hence.

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