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PHILADELPHIA, MARC 7 (AP)-DIST. ATTY. ARLEN SPECTER SAID TODAY HE WILL RUN FOR MAYOR OF PHILADELPHIA ON THE REPUBLICAN TICKET.

SPECTER WAS CHOSEN BY THE REPUBLICAN CITY COMMITTEE FRIDAY AS THE ORGANIZATION'S CHOICE IN THE MAY PRIMARY ELECTION.

THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, HOWEVER, WAITED UNTIL TODAY TO ACCEPT THE OFFER.

THE 37-YEAR-OLD SPECTER SWITCHED FROM THE DEMOCRATIC TO THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN 1965 TO RUN SUCCESSFULLY FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. HE WAS AN ASSOCIATE COUNSEL FOR THE WARREN COMMISSION WHICH INVESTIGATED THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

HE SAID HE WOULD HOLD ON TO THE D.A.'S OFFICE WHILE CAMPAIGNING FOR MAYOR.

SPECTER, IN A STATEMENT, SAID THAT IT WAS TIME FOR A CHANGE OF PARTY CONTROL IN THE NATION'S FOURTH LARGEST CITY, WHICH HAS BEEN HEADED BY DEMOCRATS SINCE 1951. IN THAT YEAR, JOSEPH S. CLARK, NOW A U.S. SENATOR, ENDED 68-YEARS OF GOP CONTROL OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATION.

SPECTER SAID THAT "THE MANTLE OF REFORM LEADERSHIP" THAT CLARK BROUGHT TO PHILADELPHIA "HAS SLIPPED AND THE FORTUNE OF OUR CITY LIES AT LOW TIDE . . . EMERSED IN A CRUMBLING POLITICAL MACHINE."

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