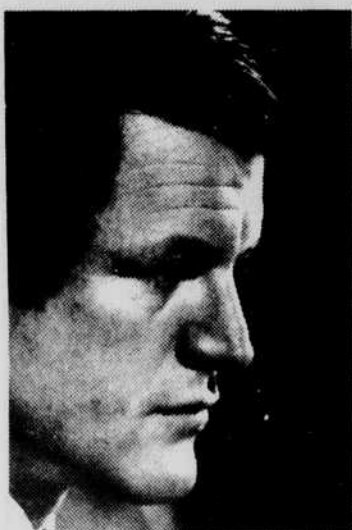


Kennedy defeat might revive 1972 candidacy



Ted Kennedy

WASHINGTON—Senate Majority Whip Edward M. Kennedy smiled for photographers as he entered the Democratic caucus, minutes before the 92nd Congress convened. Although last fall, West Virginia's Senator Robert C. Byrd had talked of a challenge to Kennedy, the Massachusetts Senator didn't expect to have any trouble disposing of a "hawk," supporter of Haynsworth and Carswell, advocate of ABM and SST, and an admitted former member of the Ku Klux Klan.

It was a somber Ted Kennedy that left the party caucus. Byrd's 31 to 24 victory came as a total surprise to the brother of the former

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President. His overconfidence exposed weak organization and an incompetent staff assessment of the Byrd challenge.

"This can't help but knock Kennedy out of the 1972 race," beamed a Muskie supporter.

A New England Congressman disagreed. "This is going to piss Ted off so much, that he's going to have to run in 1972." A long-time Kennedy watcher, he analyzed the Senator's defeat as a move by other presidential hopefuls to eliminate him from contention.

The Senate's corps of Democratic aspirants—Muskie, McGovern, Bayh, Hughes, and Humphrey—unanimously voted for Kennedy, or so they announced publicly. A Washington newspaper, however, counted 27 Senators that claimed votes for Kennedy—but the scoreboard still showed only 24 votes. Muskie and Humphrey seem the men that could benefit most from a slip in Kennedy prestige.

Washington's Henry Jackson and Warren Magnuson, friends of the Kennedy family for many years, are believed to have supported Byrd because of the West Virginian's SST position.

As Chappaquiddick fades in the minds of many voters, the threat of a Kennedy candidacy becomes very real when he is relieved of the time-consuming Majority whip job.

In years past "Let's get even" was the battle cry of a Kennedy if he fell victim to power politics. Adlai Stevenson was denied the Secretary of State's job because he refused to stop his "draft" efforts at the 1960 convention. Lyndon Johnson won the enmity of the Kennedys for his belittling treatment of RFK in 1964. Four years later, this liberal opposition had formed the catalyst to cause his abdication.

Neither Stevenson nor Johnson succeeded in stopping a Kennedy from advancing on the national political scene. The last of the Kennedy brothers has now left a routine and often burdensome position. He has already begun introducing legislation on draft reform and health care. Both of his proposals have been more specific and far-reaching than President Nixon's State of the Union "driving dream" goals.

Re-elected in 1970 by Massachusetts voters, Kennedy polled 62 per cent of the vote in defeating liberal Republican Josiah Spaulding, former editor of the Christian Science Monitor. His speeches at Democratic dinners continue to raise thousands of dollars for the party. He is keeping his pledge to help the Democratic National Committee repay his brother's 1968 campaign debt.

His aides, now more than ever before, are pushing for him to challenge other contenders for the 1972 Democratic nomination.

Kennedy critics point out that he lacks the intellect of his two brothers. A University of Wisconsin professor, classmate of Kennedy's at Virginia's Law School, compares Ted to Robert. "Robert was a scholar. A brilliant student in labor relations. Ted hasn't got that depth. He lacks the quality that both his brothers so often displayed."

Getting caught napping by the Byrd forces in the recent Senate election enhances this "amiable bumbler" assertion. Only two years before, he had pulled a similar feat by ousting Senator Russell Long of Louisiana. Long, like Kennedy had been confident of surviving any challenge.

At this time, Kennedy isn't prepared to endorse any candidate for 1972. Perhaps he has an alternative in mind.

"Who," asks an admirer, "is the only Democrat that is as well known as the President himself. Who is the best speaker? Who is the candidate that has spoken out on the crucial issues—yet not alienated the party establishment?"

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