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## THE 1972 CAMPAIGN

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PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 13—Senator George McGovern and Senator Edward M. Kennedy brought what has unquestionably been the most successful act of the developing Democratic Presidential campaign to Philadelphia today and were rewarded by a thunderous reception at an outdoor rally in the shadow of City Hall.

In a community where the Democratic Mayor, Frank L. Rizzo, has endorsed President Nixon, Senator McGovern's Republican opponent, some obvious gamesmanship entered into estimates of the size of the enthusiastic crowd that gathered at Broad and Chestnut Streets and threw confetti from windows of office buildings along the block.

The police put the size at 5,000 to 6,000. (Mayor Rizzo is a former police chief here.) Former Senator Joseph S. Clark, a Democrat, reported an estimate of 50,000 to 60,000. More neutral observers agree that anyone splitting the difference might be considerably closer.

Crowds in city streets, most campaign followers would agree, are extremely difficult to gauge. However, in a tour such as the one that Senators. McGovern and Kennedy began Monday night in Minneapolis and took to Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland and Pittsburgh before arriving here, the size and enthusiasm of the audience was one of the few measures of voter interest in the campaign.

## The Crowd Stays

Earlier today in Pittsburgh, the traveling campaigners drew about 10,000 to a noon-time rally in Market Square, even though they were about half an hour late. The crowd stayed despite the lack of music, speeches or other entertainment to hold them, and many were taking breaks from their work.

Last night in Cleveland, about 7,000 persons ventured to an ice hockey arena on the edge of the Hough ghetto and waited for a late evening rally with the two Senators.

It has been that way all week, with Senator Kennedy drawing heavy applause that inevitably has been dwarfed by that following his introduction of Senator McGovern.

As usual, in his introduction of the Democratic candidate here today, Senator Kennedy described him as “a Senator for all seasons, a man who represents not just Wall Street, but Main Street, U.S.A.”

After the cheers had died down, Senator McGovern told the crowd that there was “good news” of his campaign this week, compared with last Week when he was speaking about the “uphill battle” that he faced.

“The Democratic party is going to win this election in 1972,” he said. And, after he had told them that the country could not stand “four more years” of Mr. Nixon's policies, the crowd voiced a new chant “Four more months.”

Senator McGovern used the downtown Philadelphia back. drop as a setting to touch upon charges he had issued earlier in the day that the Nixon Administration planned to “milk all of the politics it can out of the bicentennial observance” of the nation's founding planned here and to “make it a celebration—not of the labor and love that has built America—but of the big-business philosophy that dominates this Administration.”

It was “right here, in this city, almost two centuries ago. that 56 men pledged their lives. their fortunes, their sacred honor for the cause of a free America,” he said. “They created a new nation under the rallying cry of life and liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”

## Issue of Bicentennial

But the Democratic nominee said that he was certain that the signers of the Declaration of Independence would not “want us to turn the bicentennial celebration of their great moment into a political or financial windfall for anyone.”

He said that he was “disturbed by what I read” of the Nixon Administration's plans for the celebration.

Instead, Mr. McGovern said, the anniversary should be marked “by restoring the ideals with which we started” and, he added:

“Let us restore the ideal of life for the people of IndoChina and for our own young men who are still tied down in that war.

“Let us restore a respect for life for those who suffer violence at the hands of crime and drug addicts in every city in this land.

“Let us restore liberty to the Americans who languish in the prison camps of North Vietnam and to all of those who are prisoners to hunger and poverty and racism that still exists in our own land.”

Senator Kennedy flew to Washington tonight to attend a meeting of the board of the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, but was to return to the McGovern campaign entourage tomorrow for a rally on the steps of the New York State Capitol in Albany, and then go on to New York City and Waterbury, Conn.

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