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## **KENTUCKY GOVERNOR, DELEGATES PRO-MUSKIE**

Kentucky Governor Wendell Ford today reaffirmed his support of Senator Edmund S. Muskie and said 38 to 40 of the delegates from his state to the Democratic National Convention will be uncommitted but loyal to his preference.

A majority of the delegates to Kentucky's state Democratic convention on June 2 are pledged to the Governor, and he insisted "I believe Ed Muskie is the candidate who can best unite the Democratic party and who can defeat Richard Nixon."

The Governor announced that the Senator and Mrs. Muskie will be his special guests this weekend at the Kentucky Derby. The Senator and his wife will arrive in Frankfort late Friday, attend the annual Kentucky Colonels' Banquet and spend the night at the Governor's mansion. The following morning they will attend the Governor's traditional Derby breakfast.

Delegates to the state convention were selected Saturday, and 59 were pledged to the Senator and 1525 to the Governor.

"Collectively, we will have strength at the state convention to elect 38 to 40 delegates," the Governor said in a telephoned report to James E. Hall, Senator Muskie's national political coordinator for Kentucky. Kentucky will send 47 delegates to the national convention.

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