

McKeldin Hits

'Bossism' In Eve. Sun Campaign

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In the first flush of his campaign for mayor, Theodore R. McKeldin today denounced political bossism in Baltimore.

"I will seek the support of no bosses," the veteran Republican campaigner said. "I don't know if I would even encourage it."

Mr. McKeldin will face the Democratic incumbent, Mayor Goodman, in the May 7 municipal election.

A Goodman headed political combination helped the mayor win the Democratic nomination by a wide margin March 5.

"No Deals," He Says

Mr. McKeldin's statement today did little to encourage a similar combination for himself. He named no names, but said:

"I have no deals to make with anybody."

He said that the "tens of thousands of voters who, for reasons best known to themselves, failed or neglected to vote in the recent municipal primaries will assert themselves on May 7.

"And the power of the bosses that worked so effectively for my opponent on March 5 will be dissipated when the final decision is made," Mr. McKeldin predicted.

If elected, he said his choice of policy-making aides will be made "without seeking to please any political boss or bosses."

"I intend also to seek and utilize the consultation, advice and assistance of the best brains among our public spirited citizens in all walks of life—business, professional and labor—in restoring this city to its proud place in the march of national progress," he added.

"Public-Spirited People"

"And I mean public-spirited people who would resent any interference from the political bosses."

The former mayor and governor looked back on a time when "the political boss and his satellite bosslets were inevitable appendages to our political system."

But he said "that time is past" and the voters are "quite capable of making their political decisions without being herded to the polling places by the so-called leader and his lieutenants."