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# Back To Job For M'Keldin

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Back in Baltimore after eight years in the State House, Theodore R. McKeldin announced today that he would resume private law practice with his long-time friend and adviser, M. William Adelson.

The former Governor's respite from politics is expected to be brief, however, as he intends to run for Mayor of Baltimore.

## M'Keldin Back At Law

Theodore R. McKeldin, a Republican comet who blazed new trails across the political skies of Maryland in two terms as governor, returned to his law practice here today.

He hoped that it was only a temporary stopover between jobs.

### Barred From 3d Term

A Baltimore court decided today he can run for Mayor of Baltimore, a post he held from 1943 to 1947. The city primary is March 3 and the general election in May.

McKeldin was barred by the State Constitution from seeking a third straight term as Governor. He turned over the office yesterday to J. Millard Tawes, 64-year-old former State comptroller who led a Democratic landslide in Maryland November 4.

The energetic 58-year-old ex-Governor resumed his law practice with M. William Adelson while waiting out the court battles over his residency.

The State Constitution required him to live in Annapolis during his eight years as Governor. The Baltimore Charter requires that a mayoralty candidate have lived in the city for ten years preceding the general election. McKeldin maintained a home here while he was in Annapolis.

McKeldin served as mayor between unsuccessful tries for the governorship in 1942 and 1946, and built up a large following throughout the State from his frequent public speaking engagements.

He made the Governor's mansion on his third try, in 1950, and four years later rewrote Maryland's political history books by becoming the first Republican ever reelected Governor. He was only the third Governor from his party in the State's history.

### Nominated Eisenhower

McKeldin's 93,983 vote margin over Gov. William Preston Lane, Jr. in 1950 was at that time the largest majority ever rolled up by gubernatorial candidate.

In 1952 he achieved national prominence when he was chosen to deliver the nominating address for Dwight Eisenhower at the Republican National Convention. He has been an ardent Eisenhower booster throughout his Administration, and in 1956 headed the minorities division of the Republican national campaign.

McKeldin, a fire and brimstone orator, is at his best in a political campaign but also spends considerable time in speaking engagements throughout much of the country, speaking out on national issues and foreign affairs.