

Mayor To Seek Senate Seat, Friends Say

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Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin intends to make a bid in 1960 for the seat in the upper house of Congress now held by Senator Millard E. Tydings, friends of the Mayor said today.

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Mayor McKeldin has turned his attention to the study of the national Administration with that step in mind, they added.

For some time the Mayor has made no secret of his ambition to serve in the larger field and it is said that this was a factor in his decision not to seek another term as mayor.

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Bid For Governorship

For a time last year he was considering a bid for the GOP senatorial nomination to contest with former Governor Herbert R. O'Connor for the seat held then by former Senator George L. Radcliffe, but was finally persuaded by top party leaders to make a bid for the governorship against William Preston Lane, Jr.

The Mayor is said to have been convinced for a long time that his oratorical abilities and his interest in the broader issues of government rather than the minutiae of administration were better suited to a place in Congress, preferably in the Senate.

His studies of the Government in Washington have flavored addresses on general topics for some time, but are said to have reached their full fruition in a speech Monday at a conference of the Comptrollers Institute of America, held at the Statler Hotel in Washington.

Of World Affairs

His opening remarks follow:

"As we look at the world today, we realize there are some inescapable burdens to support occupation forces in Japan and Germany, and give relief to hungry hordes of war-afflicted people, for humanity's sake, and for political reasons, as in Greece and Turkey, to prevent their slipping into the open, eager hands of communism.

"We should support those who face toward democracy, not those looking to communism."

With the caution that "our Government is, no universal Sany Claus," the Mayor then went on to cite facts and figures in support of his contention that the national budget must be balanced, the national debt reduced and national taxation decreased.

He said: "Washington is now the scene of action of the spenders who believe in the discredited doctrine of spending ourselves into prosperity and in the foolish fallacy that the national debt is owed to ourselves—so let it grow."

He cited figures to show the cost of the national Government since 1939.