

# MCKELDIN NEW BIG BROTHER

## Given Honor At Anniversary Dinner Of 2 Groups

For his many accomplishments in youth work, Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin last night was named the Big Brother of the Year of Maryland by the Big Brothers of Baltimore and the Jewish Big Brother League.

Judge Luther W. Youngdahl made the presentation to Governor McKeldin at a dinner given by the two agencies at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, which also marked the fiftieth anniversary of the Big Brother movement in the country.

In accepting the award, Governor McKeldin said the tribute belongs to the "hundreds of men and women throughout the State who contributed their time and energies in championing the cause of youth."

### Wrong Solution

Judge Youngdahl, of the District Court of the District of Columbia, the night's main speaker, enchanted the distinguished audience with tales of Minnesota, then dropped to a serious vein as he tore into the advocates of punishment for youth.

There were many, Judge Youngdahl said, who believe the problem of youthful delinquency can be solved by merely packing the reformatories and penitentiaries.

"That's dealing with the problem superficially," he said.

He compared the youth problem today with the test given an inmate in an institution before his release.

Told to empty a tub full of water into which a faucet was still pouring, the inmate would pass the test if he shut the faucet off first. If he started bailing out the water without shutting off the flow, he would fail.

The same situation faces society today, said Youngdahl. "We don't appreciate this lesson of prevention enough."

In a personal note, Governor McKeldin said that one of the most difficult things about being governor is that he doesn't see his children.

In the last three years, he said, he unfortunately had little time to give them as a father should.

### Reviews Activities

The Governor reviewed his activities in behalf of youth such as establishing the Youth Commission, his interest in the Police Boys Clubs, the recreation loan for playgrounds, and the recent Sobeloff Commission Report on Juvenile Delinquency.

The Sobeloff Commission recommendations had his full support, the Governor said, but "unfortunately they have not yet been enacted."

Charles G. Berwind, of Philadelphia, president of the Big Brothers of America and Canada, saluted the "Big Brothers" for their help to their "little brothers."

Simon E. Sobeloff, chief judge of the Court of Appeals, presided at the meeting and introduced the speakers who also included Nicholas C. Mueller, president of

the Big Brothers of Baltimore, and Herbert Myerberg, president of the Jewish Big Brother League. Rabbi Israel Goldman gave the invocation and the Rev. David I. Dorsch, director of Catholic Charities, closed the meeting with the benediction.

The dinner was the highlight of the local celebration of Big Brother Week being observed throughout the United States and Canada.