

McKeldin's New **SEP 27 1956**

## Book Celebrated Sun

Governor McKeldin was honored with lofty praise and gifts yesterday as more than 600 members of the Advertising Club and Maryland Historical Society met at the Emerson Hotel to celebrate the publication of his new book "Washington Bowed."

He was presented with a gavel made from the wood of the steeple of historic Old North Church in Boston, from which Paul Revere received the signal to begin his famous ride. This gift, from the Massachusetts Historical Society, was presented by State Senator Louis L. Goldstein.

The Governor also received an inscribed copy of Gen. Mark W. Clark's book "From the Danube to the Yalu," and a folder enclosing several congratulatory letters on his own book, including one from President Eisenhower.

"Washington Bowed" relates the incident of Washington's resignation of his commission as commander in chief of the Continental Army at the State House in

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Annapolis on December 23, 1783.

Governor McKeldin said the inspiration for the book came from a conversation with the President about Washington's greatest moment of glory.

He said the President expressed the view that Valley Forge was the time of supreme triumph, while he, as a civilian, felt the resignation was the time in which General Washington showed his greatness, by returning the government to civil authority.

In another presentation, the Governor gave a Certificate of Appreciation to former Senator George L. Radcliffe, president of the Historical Society.