

# MAYOR WANTS LINCOLN, TOO

## Likeness To Be In McKeldin Portrait Background

When Mayor McKeldin's official portrait is hung in the board room at the City Hall a picture of Abraham Lincoln also will go up on the wall. APR 2 - 1947

The Mayor, who has had a second sitting for the portrait, decided yesterday that the artist, Alfred Jonniaux, a Belgian, should include a picture of Lincoln, as well as a municipal flag, in the background.

It will be the first official portrait of a Baltimore executive to include any other subject than the Mayor. No other Mayor's picture has a flag painted in it.

Mayor McKeldin, a staunch Republican, decided that a Republican Mayor should have, as he says, "the greatest of all Republicans in the picture." The Lincoln portrait will be copied from an etching that hangs in the Mayor's office.

### Works Shown Recently **SUN**

Disregarding dozens of applications for the commission to paint the portrait, Mayor McKeldin selected Mr. Jonniaux, who recently held an exhibit of his portraits in the Municipal Museum on Holliday street.

The Mayor explained Mr. Jonniaux has painted portraits of many prominent Americans, including members of the Cabinet, the Supreme Court and members of Congress as well as business and industrial leaders of the nation.

The Board of Estimates last week allocated \$2,000 for the McKeldin portrait.

### Seven Sitzings Planned

Mayor McKeldin, according to arrangements with the artist, will sit seven times, 1½ hours each time. The posing is being done in the Mayor's law office in the O'Sullivan Building which has a north light the artist wanted. Sitzings will begin tomorrow.

Local and out-of-State artists, art students in Baltimore's public schools, aunts, uncles and parents of boys and girls who know their young protégés have sufficient talent—all applied to the Mayor for the commission either personally, by telephone or by letter. However, the Mayor was attracted by Mr. Jonniaux's work at the recent exhibition.