

# Newly Elected Mayor Happy Over Outcome Of Balloting

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Oh, Boy, At Last We've Done It," McKeldin Exclaims  
To Throng At Campaign Headquarters

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"Oh, boy, at last we've done it," the happiest man in town said jubilantly last night as several hundred shouting, laughing, shouting and applauding admirers, some of them Democrats, filled his campaign quarters and adjacent corridors in the Lord Baltimore Hotel.

He was Theodore R. McKeldin, listening to returns that made him the next Mayor of Baltimore. Several hours before he had been warned by his wife, Mrs. Honolulu McKeldin, not to be so joyous, not to take his election for granted until the last vote had been counted.

Mrs. McKeldin, at home with her two children, Teddy, Jr., 6, and Clare, 3, recalled that in the gubernatorial elections last fall Mr. McKeldin late in the evening had concluded from returns that he, as the Republican candidate, had been elected Governor only to be nosed out by Governor O'Connor. As the gubernatorial returns had come in Mr. McKeldin had shouted: "A South Baltimore has made it." But he hadn't.

### Cautions At First

But the boy from South Baltimore last night was the center of a scene such as local Republicans have not enacted since 1934 when Republican Harry W. Nice defeated Democratic Governor Ritchie in the gubernatorial elections.

Although Mr. McKeldin at first was cautious as the returns came in, Paul Robertson, Republican City Committee chairman, Galen L. Tait, chairman of the Republican State Central Committee; former Mayor William F. Broening; George R. Norris, Baltimore county Republican leader, and other party wheelhorses were confident of ultimate victory.

Everywhere there was hilarity and merriment as tabulators received returns over telephones and called them out, as they were recorded on paper. As the returns definitely indicated Mayor Jackson would not overcome Mr. McKeldin's lead, a wag put in a call for Democratic campaign headquarters and, on being connected, asked for the latest returns.

### Didn't Have Returns

"Th fellow on the line said they don't have any returns," called the wag over his shoulder and the crowd in the room shouted with glee.

In a corner Charles H. Heintzman, Republican Mayoralty candidate in 1915, was telling how he campaigned on a platform calling for repeal of the Blue Laws and the people turned down what

they've got now.

Then came a shout that Mr. McKeldin was leading by 8,000 votes. More cheers. Somebody suggested a song that didn't materialize.

In a corner stood James A. Gary, Jr., one of Mr. McKeldin's principal advisers, silently observing the party. Henry Stockbridge 3d, campaign treasurer, held whispered conferences in corners.

"And the boy who was my secretary when I was Mayor now is the Mayor," said Mr. Broening patting Mr. Robertson on the back. "I was an orator, too, and this shows that it pays to know how to talk."

### Has New Suit

Mr. McKeldin passed through the room calling: "This time we've made it. It's a good thing I have a new suit. It's the one I have on, and everybody laughed heartily."

Eric Frederick, Republican leader of the Sixth district, arrived. Mr. McKeldin called: "Eric, you did a splendid job," and Mr. Frederick called back: "The best we could, Ted." The Twenty-second

ward was reported going for Mr. McKeldin by 2 to 1. Someone signaled for more cheers as the voice of David Halley, calling off returns, was lost in the bedlam.

Harry Leohard Katz, who was credited with obtaining much of the material for Mr. McKeldin's campaign speeches, was the object of special congratulations, and applause. Mr. Robertson dictated a statement.

### Appreciation Expressed

"The returns prove that Baltimore voters are opposed to long continuance in office. As chairman of the Republican City Committee I extend my appreciation and thanks to all those voters who cast ballots today for Mr. McKeldin. It is a wonderful victory."

Mr. McKeldin was on the telephone. He was telling Mrs. McKeldin he was elected. Then, he was handed a piece of paper with a telephone number on it. It was Mayor Jackson's. Mr. McKeldin put in the call. His conversation ran: "Yes, Mr. Mayor. Yes. Yes. Please give my compliments to Mrs. Jackson. The Mayor had congratulated him. Mr. McKeldin turned to receive the congratulations of Mrs. Galen L. Tait, who was elated. "This is magnificent," said Mr. Tait.

Mr. Tait dictated a statement: "The success of Mr. McKeldin's election is vindication of the faith the Republican party has in him. His friends in both parties throughout the State will be gratified over

the choice as Mayor. Mr. McKeldin, laughing, was receiving congratulations from James McAllister, a Cambridge (Md.) attorney, over the long-distance telephone.

### Called Retribution

In a corner a loud voice was declaring, "In 1927 Jackson cut Curran when Curran ran against Broening for Mayor. This is retribution. Curran has got even."

The voices of newboys calling extras in Baltimore street floated through the open windows. "McKeldin elected," they cried. Some in the crowd took up the theme. Mr. McKeldin, taking a few minutes away from the crowd that surrounded him, then dictated his election statement.

### He said:

"My candidacy has been approved by the voters of Baltimore—not of one party but Democratic and Independent as well as Republican voters. I am deeply grateful to them for their generous support. My firm purpose is to justify during my administration the confidence they have placed in me.

### Majority Gratifying

"It is naturally a matter of gratification that the majority given me is of such proportions as to be an unquestioned mandate from the electorate.

"Throughout the campaign we have felt that in appealing to the people in the interest of better government and against the practice of indefinite continuance in office, the appeal would not be in



GALEN L. TAIT THEODORE R. McKELDIN JAMES A. GARY, JR. PAUL ROBINSON RECEIVING LATE RETURNS—McKeldin, with Gary, one of his chief advisors, and Robertson, chairman of the Republican City Committee, eagerly await figures from the various polling places as Tait, chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, receive the glad tidings.

vain.

"Again, I heartily thank the voters of Baltimore and pledge to give them the best administration of which I am capable."

#### Sailor Cheered

As he finished, John Coffin, a sailor from Muscatine, Iowa, elbowed his way to Mr. McKeldin. Shaking his hand, Coffin said "I want to congratulate a Republican who can carry a Democratic city like Baltimore." And, the sailor

was given a mighty cheer.

The returns were all in. And Mr. McKeldin, worn out from weeks of strenuous campaigning, was ready for home and bed. But, the crowd would have none of it. They detained him, cheering, singing, congratulating. Everywhere he went in the hotel it was the same. Finally, the crowd consented to let him go. Laughing, he went home,