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No Place for Mr. Mandel . . .

Marvin Mandel's sally back into the governorship falls somewhere short of MacArthur's return to the Philippines if maybe ahead of Mickey Mouse's return to Disneyland. It's a non-event, a political burp, a sad little one-man ego trip. It tells something of Mr. Mandel's understandable inner writhing, for which his friends are free to work up what sympathy they can. It tells something more of his astigmatism when faced with matters of taste and of judgment, of what looks right and what doesn't. In the end we are offered the empty spectacle of a sometime leader snatching publicly at the shreds of his own vanished power, a leader whooped on by a Runyonesque band of henchmen already as obsolete as he is. Marvin Mandel—let us concede it—rightly enjoyed occasional high moments in his long Annapolis lifetime. This is not one of them. This is one of the lows, and the otherwise bright promise of tomorrow's inaugural scene is cheaply beclouded by it.

What Marvin Mandel fails to grasp is that

more ends tomorrow than his own ten years as governor. Ending too we hope is as shameful a stretch of time as Maryland government has known. This was a period when naked corruption rooted in the political back alleys crept forward through city and county manipulators to achieve the governor's office itself and, as aftermath, the vice-presidency of the United States. Marylanders desperate to break out of their unhappy mold found the key last fall in Harry Hughes. The Hughes nomination and subsequent election was as much an outburst against the bad old day symbolized by Marvin Mandel and his proxy, Mr. Lee, as a greeting of the more wholesome day Mr. Hughes seems to offer. That is where Marvin Mandel's perceptions betray him today.

He tries to paint himself, his "good name cleared", upon the fresh new canvas where the Hughes administration is shortly to unfold. He does not belong there. He ends his career an unwelcome blotch.

. . . Where a New Broom Sweeps

In assembling a staff of fresh faces which include blacks and women, Governor-elect Hughes follows the pattern he cut for himself in his campaign and now in the piecing together of his cabinet. He has avoided to a great extent the pitfall of cronyism and the tendency to fall back upon jaded, shopworn operatives of the Annapolis scene. It is a tendency which contributed to the failures and excesses of past administrations. Mr. Hughes seems bent on resisting it at the acceptable risk of diluting the early effectiveness of his administration through inexperience.

For the most part, those he has enfolded reflect the quiet determination which marked his own campaign and carry into their new jobs a record of commendable accomplishment in posts slightly removed from the State House center of power. Examples:

Kalman Hettleman, his secretary-designate of human resources, earned his spurs in the comparable Baltimore city role, where he stood on the outside looking in and articulately observed the state's appalling insensitivity to the needs of the urban poor. Gordon Kamka, the new corrections chief, knows of the demands in his new job largely because of

his frustrating experience as warden of the city jail. Michael Canning, newly named by the Governor-elect as chief of staff, served him as press aide when Mr. Hughes was secretary of transportation and thus learned of the myriad difficulties in the relationship between a governor his cabinet members. Gene Oishi, the new press secretary, enters the political arena with insight gained as an industrious legislative and foreign correspondent for *The Sun* and editorial writer for this page.

Despite justifiable criticism about the perhaps too clean sweep by the new Hughes broom — as, for example, in the release of the capable but untried Herbert Cahan as secretary of economic and community development — the Governor-elect seems, by and large, to have chosen well. Still to come, of course, are several more key cabinet appointments, which he assures will include representation of women and black at his upper level of state government. Less noted but still of prime importance is the absence of any appointments to support Judson Garrett as legislative aide and to serve as effective liaison between Mr. Hughes and the lawmakers downstairs in the State House.

