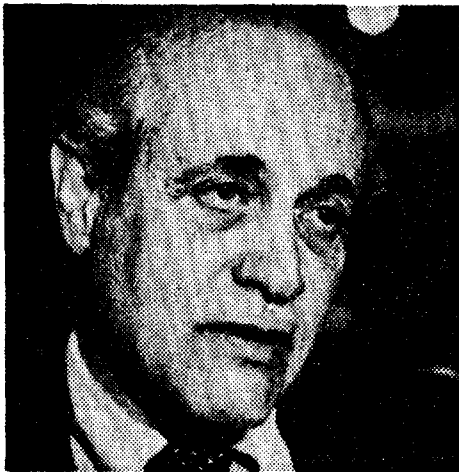


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MARVIN MANDEL
... "looking for a different angle"

Mandel to Air Knowledge as Analyst

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During nine years as Maryland's governor, Marvin Mandel specialized in behind-the-scenes manipulations, all carefully cloaked from reporters and the public.

Now, his position and perspective changed by a stint in federal prison after being convicted of political corruption, Mandel has apparently had a change of heart about who should know what and has joined an Annapolis radio station as a political commentator, to talk about what he knows best—behind-the-scenes manipulations.

"It's going to be doing some editorial comment, news commentary on current events and interviews with different political figures," said the ex-governor yesterday, sounding like the reporters he used to dodge and torment with constantly percolating political mysteries. "It's going to be looking for a little different angle, what's behind the scenes."

Mandel said he will continue working for Cirelli and Sons Inc., a Severna Park construction and development company that hired him shortly after he got out of federal prison to analyze potential business deals.

But he will also have an office on Admiral Drive in Annapolis, a few blocks from the governor's statehouse office and stately mansion that Mandel called home as chief of state from 1969 until he was convicted in 1978. He served 19 months in jail until he was pardoned by President Reagan in December 1981.

Neither Mandel or Jake Einstein, executive vice president of the company that owns WNAV-AM and WLOM-FM, would say how much Mandel will make when he begins his new job in about a month.

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Einstein, whose company bought the radio stations this week for a reported price of \$2.8 million in cash, said the company has been wooing Mandel for some time.

"God knows he knows all the political terrain," said Einstein, who said he and Mandel have been friends for a long time. "He'll be the liaison to the General Assembly." Mandel said he also intends to focus his political wisdom on Baltimore, where he got his start in politics, and Capitol Hill.

Mandel said switching sides—from politician to junior political pundit—does not feel odd after all those years in public office. He has been interviewed on nearly every radio and television station in the state during his career.

And he had a trial run of sorts as a commentator for a Baltimore radio station during the 1982 gubernatorial race when he dissected election returns of the reelection of Gov. Harry Hughes, the man who was elected in 1978 running on an anti-corruption platform.

However, Mandel says he intends to stay far away from the governor's office in his new role as political pundit, leaving the questioning of Hughes to other members of the press corps. "Am I going to go to [the governor's] press conferences?" said the ex-governor, "No."