

# POLITICS SWIRL

## AS GRADY WAITS

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And It Is Likely Wait And  
Confusion Will Go On

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The odds are that Mayor Grady and the palpitating politicians won't learn for quite a while whether the Mayor will get that Federal judgeship he is after.

Meanwhile, the turmoil at City Hall and in the wards and districts as Democrats jockey for preferred position should Mr. Grady get the appointment is reaching ludicrous proportions.

It takes but a whispered aside at "Ten Downing Street" and other places where the Democratic clan gathers to start a new Grady rumor a-galloping through the city and State.

### Friday's "Few Hours" Rumor

On Friday, for example the "word" was passed that Mr. Grady's appointment would be announced by President Kennedy "within a few hours."

Nothing came of it but some cases of high blood pressure among Democrats who saw in the prospect a chance to get a stronger foothold in City Hall—the font of much patronage.

### No Hurry To Appoint

This—subject to abrupt change should the national Administration decide to step in quickly to straighten out the developing mess in Baltimore politics by making judicial appointment ahead of schedule or should the Mayor unexpectedly take himself out of contention—is the situation as of now:

1. President Kennedy and his brother, the Attorney General, Robert Kennedy, are reportedly in no hurry to fill the 70-odd new Federal judgeships, including two for Maryland, created by the Congress.

Those judgeships, high Washington authorities say, constitute a very potent political persuader to keep Congress in line while the Administration is trying to get its program approved.

Why, these sources ask, should the Administration fill those vacancies and thus dissipate the bargaining power inherent in them while Congress is in session?

2. Maryland's six Democratic congressmen have an Administration promise that they will be informed in advance about who will get the two Federal judgeships at stake here.

To date, the only inkling they have had is that they will probably not come through in the near future.

3. Mayor Grady has no promise of a judgeship implied or other-

wise, from the national Administration.

### Rift Among "Three G's"

4. Various investigations into the qualifications of those Maryland lawyers who have been mentioned as possibilities for judgeships, including one by the Justice Department, apparently have not been completed. At least, no list of Maryland names has been forwarded to the President as yet by the Justice Department.

City Hall has been on tenterhooks since the Grady-for-judge rumors started circulating early in February.

Those rumors have contributed in no small measure to the ever-increasing rift among the once solid "Three G's"—Mayor Grady; Philip H. Goodman, president of the City Council, and Dr. R. Walter Graham, Jr., city comptroller.

Mr. Goodman would automatically finish out Mr. Grady's term as Mayor—a term which expires in May 1963—should the incumbent leave office.

Mr. Goodman, quite naturally, would like to be mayor.

But Dr. Graham, while disenchanted with Mr. Grady as mayor, would much prefer him to remain in office than see Mr. Goodman get the job.

### Foes Would Help Him On

Mr. Grady's political foes see an excellent chance, should he leave office, of overcoming the shaky City Council majority his Administration can usually count upon.

So they are doing what they can to further his ambition to be a Federal judge.

Many Administration stalwarts, though, are looking to the possibility of Mr. Grady's leaving office with ill-concealed dread.

They picture themselves as being booted out of jobs or, at the very least, losing their influence should a new coalition take over the reins of the city government.

### Friends Defend Intention

There is another group—a group of Mr. Grady's close friends who believe that he would be perfectly right, morally as well as legally, should he surrender his post.

They point out there are many precedents—both in Maryland and in other States—for such a move.

They are quick to cite that just last week DeLesseps Morrison prepared to resign as mayor of New Orleans to accept the post of United States Ambassador to the Organization of American States.

Several Baltimore mayors of the past have tried for other office while their terms at City Hall were still running.

Two of the last three elected attorneys general of Maryland resigned their offices to accept seats on the Maryland Court of Appeals.

Mr. Grady himself had 3½ years of an elected term as State's attorney remaining to be served when he resigned that post to become Mayor in 1959.

So, these friends of the Mayor's argue, he has a perfect right to accept a 'judicial' appointment should one be proffered him.

Some of his erstwhile friends have turned against him, however.

### Angelos Calls It "Audacity"

Just two days ago, Councilman Peter Angelos (D., Third), for a long time one of the Mayor's loyal supporters, declared that Mr. Grady's "obvious candidacy . . . has plunged the city's Government into an unprecedented state of demoralization and paralysis," then added:

"What gives this man the audacity to think that he can change offices like he changes a suit of clothes?"

Mr. Grady replied that the crisis exists "only in the impressionable imaginations of certain politically motivated maneuvers around City Hall."