

# STIFF PRIMARY BATTLE FACED BY DEMOCRATS

## Lines Are Drawn For Hardest Factional Fight In Generations

### Withdrawal Dead Line Passes Without Rumored Filing By Dr. Byrd

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Lines are drawn for the stiffest Democratic primary battle Maryland has witnessed in generations.

On the stroke of 12 midnight, the time for withdrawal—as well as entry—of State-wide candidates expired and left the Democratic lists calling for "first and second choice" voting not only on the Governorship but for the Comptrollership and nomination for Attorney General.

The Republicans had only two contested places on their State-wide ballot, the Governorship and Senatorship.

#### In Gubernatorial Race

Despite wild reports of expected withdrawals in the Democratic gubernatorial fracas, that party will go to the polls September 12 to choose a nominee from Mayor Jackson, Herbert R. O'Connor, Attorney General; William S. Gordy, Jr., State Comptroller, and Lansdale G. Sasser, President of the Senate.

Shortly before the zero hour there was a report that the papers of Dr. H. C. Byrd, president of the University of Maryland, were on the way to the Secretary of State to make the Democratic gubernatorial a five-some.

There were recurrent stories for months that Dr. Byrd was about to file for something—Governor or Senator—but the moment arrived without a Byrd candidacy.

#### Phoebus Opposes Nice

Governor Nice faces Senator Harry T. Phoebus (Rep., Somerset) in his quest for renomination.

Senator Tydings, on the Democratic side, is opposed for renomination by the New Deal candidate, Representative David J. Lewis and Arthur E. Hungerford.

Aspirants for the Democratic nomination for Comptroller are J. Millard Tawes, of Crisfield, an adherent of Mayor Jackson; P. Watson Webb, of Cambridge, on the O'Connor ticket, and Daniel H. Carroll, of Baltimore.

#### For Attorney General

Seeking the nomination for Attorney General are John B. Gontrum, of Baltimore county, on the O'Connor ticket; William C. Walsh, of Cumberland, on the Jackson ticket, and Omar D. Crothers, of Elkton, and Willis R. Jones, of Baltimore.

There will be no necessity for second-choice voting by the Democrats on the nomination for Clerk of the Court of Appeals sought by Mrs. Elizabeth R. Menefee, as an O'Connorite, and the incumbent, James A. Young.

In addition to the contest for the gubernatorial nomination, there will be a Republican contest for the Senatorial place on the ticket between Judge Oscar Leser, of Baltimore, and Galen L. Tait, of Chevy Chase.

#### Places Are Uncontested

There will be no contests, however, for Comptroller, for which William T. Jack, of Port Deposit, filed yesterday, along with E. Ray Jones, Secretary of State, who is the candidate for Clerk of the Court of Appeals, and Leo Weinberg, of Frederick, for Attorney General.

With Judge Leser, the candidates for the other State-wide offices are on the ticket sponsored by Governor Nice and his allies.

There will, of course, be no first and second choice voting by the Republicans.

#### Congressional Lists Open

The Congressional lists still are open. Candidates for nominations for Congress have until August 22 to file. None who was on file at midnight last night can withdraw, however.

This list to date is as follows:

- First Congressional District—Democrats, T. Alan Goldsborough, Denton. Republicans, none.
- Second Congressional District—Democrats, Charles J. Wells, Baltimore; William P. Cole, Jr., Towson. Republicans, Irving H. Mezger, Catonsville.
- Third Congressional District—Democrats, Vincent L. Palmisano, Baltimore; Louis J. Svehla, Baltimore; Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr., Baltimore. Republicans, John A. Janetzke, Jr., Baltimore.
- Fourth Congressional District—Democrats, Ambrose J. Kennedy, Baltimore; Walter V. Wentworth, Baltimore; Francis A. Michel, Baltimore. Republicans, Daniel Ellison, Baltimore.
- Fifth Congressional District—Democrats, John William Klemm, Mount Rainier; Stephen W. Gambrill, Laurel. Republicans, none.
- Sixth Congressional District—Democrats, Joseph A. Cantrel, Chevy Chase; William D. Byron, Williamsport; Edward J. Ryan, Frostburg. Republicans, A. Charles Stewart, Frostburg.

#### 350 City Candidates

Baltimore city, when the office of the Board of Supervisors of Elections closed at midnight, found itself with exactly 350 candidates—in addition to the State-wide tickets—on its hands.

None of these may now withdraw, but the lists can be augmented between now and August 22 and none who file between now and that date

James E. Smith, William C. Linticum, Wilmer C. Carter, Roy J. Sullivan and R. Samuel Jett. Chase Thomas withdrew yesterday. Thirteen seek Delegate nominations.

**Fourth District**—Speaker of the House Emanuel Gorfine, Henry T. Fields, Sr., and Alexander Goodman. Joseph H. Colvin and J. A. Helprin withdrew yesterday. Nineteen seek Delegate nominations.

**Fifth District**—Raymond E. Kennedy (incumbent), Frank J. Flynn, George E. Bouis, Leo C. Geraghty, John T. Backman and Harry Snyder. No withdrawals. Sixteen are candidates for Delegate.

**Sixth District**—Joseph M. Wyatt (incumbent), James T. Kennedy. No withdrawals. Fourteen candidates for Delegate.

#### Two In G. O. P. Senate Race

The two Republican Senatorial candidates so far are Webster C. Tall, Third district, and Simon Schonfield, Fourth district. Herbert J. Herman withdrew from the Fourth.

There were eight Republicans in the field for House seats, a full Fourth district ticket having been filed late last night by Stanley Scherr, chairman of the State Athletic Commission. Two Republicans had filed for the House from the First district earlier.

The Democratic State's Attorney's race will be a three-way affair at least. On file are the incumbent, J. Bernard Vells, and two of his former assistants, Elmer J. Hammer and Charles C. DiPaula.

#### Eckhart Files

Magistrate George Eckhart, Jr., of the Traffic Court, who filed last night, is the only Republican.

There were no withdrawals from any of the Clerkship fights or other city-side offices. Neither were there any entries yesterday.

Scores of candidates are expected to be later to add to the scores already in the field for posts on the Democratic and Republican State Central Committees and for delegates to the two party conventions.

can have their names stricken from the books.

Of those on file in the city, 230 were Democrats and 120 were Republicans.

There were no withdrawals from the Democratic judiciary contest, but another was added to the eight Democrats who had filed previously—that of William E. Byrd.

The only two Republicans filed so far are Judge J. Abner Saylor and J. Craig McLanahan, indorsed by the Bar Association and advocates of a nonpartisan judgeship election.

#### Seek Election To Bench

In addition to the three Democrats indorsed by the same groups—Judges Eli Frank, Edwin T. Dickerson and W. Conwell Smith—those who have entered to date are Lewis W. Lake, John A. Sherman, George M. Brady, R. Contee Rose and Charles Jackson.

While the Republicans had filed only two State Senate candidates in the six city districts, in every district there will be a contest for the Democratic nomination. They are:

**First District**—George Hofferbert (incumbent), John Pat Feehley and Thomas P. Doughney. S. Alfred Mund withdrew yesterday. Sixteen seek the six nominations for Delegate in this district.

**Second District**—John G. Callan (incumbent), Medio Walt, John F. Flynn, Robert B. Elliott and James T. Doherty. John J. Little withdrew yesterday. Eleven seek the six Delegate nominations.

**Third District**—W. Frank Every (incumbent), William S. Wilson, Jr.,