

made its appearance again in 1961 when it came time for me to appoint the Judges of the new Municipal Court which had been established by my Administration as a Court reform measure for Baltimore City.

He wanted his son-in-law to be Chief Judge of that Court. He threatened again to play the tape recording in public unless I complied with his demand. But I did just what I thought was expected of me—and just what I believe any one of you would have done in the same situation. I had before me a list of persons certified by the Bar Associations as being most highly qualified for these positions. Pollack's son-in-law was not listed as one of these. I made my selections from the persons recommended to me by the experts in the profession, and told him to go ahead and play his tape recording. Again it was not played. He undoubtedly thought there would be another and perhaps more propitious time to use it. I kept hearing reports about the recording from time to time when I refused to talk with Pollack about appointments. In short, Jack Pollack has been consistently repulsed in his persistent effort to gain a foothold in your State government.

The best evidence of this is the fact that he has endorsed my principal opponent, George P. Mahoney, for the Governorship. Why has he done this? It is obvious to those who know the ways of the power-hungry political boss. Forced out of the Baltimore City Hall by Mayor J. Harold Grady and denied a voice in the State government by my Administration, he turned to Mahoney to save himself from total obliteration as a political figure. For, as one of our great newspapers in Maryland said editorially just this week—and it was writing about the subject I am discussing—political patronage is the only means by which the political boss can survive.

Now, I am not proud of even my limited associations with this man. To be very frank with you, I regret deeply that I ever had any relations with him, and you may believe me that if my foresight were as good as my hindsight nowhere at all would his name appear upon the record of my Administration. Although the experience was painful, it was a revealing experience. And I thank heaven that I learned in the very beginning that I could not deal with this individual and still fulfill my obligations and my responsibilities to you people who elected me to the high office I hold.

The record of my appointments speaks for itself on this point, and it proves conclusively that Jack Pollack and his kind have not influenced my selection of men and women to hold positions of trust