

in your State government. I have made many hundreds of appointments since I was inaugurated as your Governor back in January of 1959. And each and every one has been made on the basis of merit and qualifications to fill the office. Take my appointments to the **judiciary, for example, because it is in this area that Pollack's demands have been loudest and most insistent.** Now, I am not a lawyer, and in fields where I have no experience or training that would qualify me to make the best selections, I turn to the experts—not the political **bosses—for advice.** Every single judgeship that I have made since I became Governor of the State has been made on the recommendations of the Bar Associations. This includes not only Judges of the **Supreme Bench of Baltimore City and of the Circuit Courts of the counties, but those of the lower courts as well, such as the Baltimore Municipal Court and the People's Court.**

I have applied this same standard to all other offices of public trust in your government. I have ignored the demands of patronage seekers and heeded the advice of the people whose experience and knowledge in the field equip them to make the proper recommendations. I could go on at great length citing you examples, but as I have told you the record is there for you to examine. It is a record that proves that I have consistently and without variation spurned Jack Pollack and his kind in their efforts to serve their own ends and satisfy their own greed through the system of political patronage. . . .

Let me in conclusion take just a moment to express my sincere and heartfelt thanks to the great many of you who have written letters, sent telegrams and made telephone calls to me during these last few days, voicing your continued confidence and trust in me and in my Administration. . . . It was heartwarming and gratifying to me, also, that the editors of the *Sunpapers* of Baltimore, after reviewing my record as Governor have just given me their endorsement and recommended that you vote for me in this primary. The editorial, after listing the many accomplishments of my Administration, had this to say, and I quote: "The record taken as a whole is a good record." And it concluded with this final paragraph, and again I quote: "Registered Democrats will perform a service to their party and their State in rejecting Mr. Mahoney's candidacy and casting their ballots instead for Governor Tawes."

My friends, on next Tuesday you will go to the polls as free Americans to choose the man who will be your Governor for the next four years. I ask you to join with me and my running mates in our efforts to continue sound, responsible and progressive government in Maryland.