

# 'Merry-Go-Round' To End For Democrats: McKeldin

New York, Feb. 13 (T)—Governor McKeldin of Maryland says "This is the last year of the mink dynasty in Washington."

"The plundering potentates of the Potomac and the pusillanimous parasites of the palace guard are having their last ride on the merry-go-round of privilege and pelf," the Republican Governor declares.

Mr. McKeldin denounced instances of corruption in the Truman Administration in a speech last night at the sixty-sixth annual Lincoln Day dinner of the National Republican Club.

Apologies Too Late, He Says

Mr. McKeldin told the gathering:

"It is too late for the apologies of President Truman and those others who, a few short months ago, were defiant of the public alarm and indignation at the mounting evidence of graft, corruption and widespread immorality in the Government of the United States.

"Despite the general publicity given to recent expositions, this corruption is not new in the New Deal-Fair Deal administration. The tax-and-tax, spend-and-spend, elect-and-elect policy and practice have been there since the 1930's."

Mr. McKeldin, who has been mentioned as a possible Republican candidate for vice president, was the principal speaker before the 1,000 GOP club members and guests. The club's membership is predominantly from the New York metropolitan area. A delegation from Maryland accompanied the Governor here.

## Ives Joins Attack

Another speaker, Senator Irving M. Ives (R., N.Y.), also attacked official corruption and declared there is too much concentration of powers in the Federal Government.

Governor McKeldin, in an interview preceding the dinner, said he expected the 24 Maryland delegates to go to the Republican National Convention pledged to him as a "favorite-son" candidate.

He said he did not know how the delegation might swing, but he added that he has had several talks with Senator Robert A. Taft, of Ohio, a presidential aspirant.

Mr. McKeldin said he would ac-

cept the vice presidential nomination if it was offered him.

At the dinner, Mr. McKeldin was introduced by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, who discussed his travels in the Far East last year. Most of Mr. McKeldin's speech was broadcast over a network of the American Broadcasting Company.