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## McKeldin The Author Takes Time Off For Autographing



THE ART OF AUTOGRAPHING—Governor McKeldin autographs "The Art of Eloquence" for Mrs. David Hanes, of Elkton, while Dr. John C. Krantz, Jr., the Governor's coauthor, looks on.

Governor McKeldin took time off from pressing State problems yesterday to play the part of a successful author in a downtown department store.

Working as a team, the Governor and coauthor Dr. John C. Krantz, Jr., of the University of Maryland School of Medicine, autographed hundreds of copies of their new book, "The Art of Eloquence," while a gallery of interested women shoppers looked on.

The Governor seemed not in the least disconcerted by the heckling that took place from time to time in regard to the transit strike.

"Have You Bought A Book?" "All these people up here want to know when you're going to settle it," called down one woman from the balcony.

"Have you bought a book yet?" parried the Governor, affixing his signature to a title page with a gubernatorial flourish.

The lady admitted that she hadn't, but still she professed a compelling interest in the strike.

"It's not actually settled yet," said the Governor, "but I'll bet my life that it is by tomorrow."

The two authors, who worked steadily at their autographing job from 2.30 to 4.30 P.M., sat on opposite sides of a small table in the store's book department. Each book of the several hundred, which, according to a store spokesman, represented advanced orders from people all over Maryland, was signed by both men.

"Going To Get Cramps" The Governor's autograph read: "Theodore McKeldin, Governor of Maryland." Dr. Krantz merely

signed his name. For a while, the ceremony took on the appearance of a race, with Dr. Krantz, who had less to write, piling up a considerable lead.

"He's going to get finger-cramps if he keeps this up," observed Charles H. Clemons, an elevator operator in the store who had assured the Governor earlier that he intended buying a book "as soon as I get some money, autograph or no autograph."

"Oh, I'm not worried about that," said the Governor fearlessly. "I'm used to this. I sign stuff all day long."

He admitted later, however, that it was the most number of times he had signed his name in one day since, as Mayor of Baltimore, he used to go to New York to sign bonds.

"Even then I used a rubber stamp or a check-writing machine," Governor McKeldin declared.