

McKeldin Is Exception As Democrats Triumph

Election Establishes Political Makeup Of State As Most Other Republican Candidates Lose Out

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Governor **McKeldin** won reelection despite his Republican label.

That fact emerged yesterday from the welter of returns from Tuesday's election, an election which proved beyond all doubt that Maryland is still a Democratic State, despite the Republican Governor's landslide victory.

The Democrats picked up a seat in Congress, reversing the 4-to-3 edge the Republicans have held in Maryland for the last two years.

Sybert Romps To Victory

C. Ferdinand Sybert, the Democratic nominee for attorney general, romped to victory over Republican incumbent Edward D. E. Rollins.

The Maryland General Assembly for the next four years will have more Democratic members than any other Legislature since pre-World War II days.

County after county booted Republicans out of local office.

In short, except at the very top of the ticket, the Democrats did very well for themselves and their party.

The big vote for Mr. **McKeldin** obviously placed the public's stamp of approval on him as a personality and as the chief administrator of the State's affairs during the last four years.

Just as obviously, it was a mass

rejection of Dr. H. C. Byrd, the former president of the University of Maryland who ran against him.

Observers commented that Dr. Byrd tried to be too many things to too many different persons and groups—and there must have been much comparing of notes among those persons and groups.

Race Issue Seen Rejected

Observers also looked upon the lopsided results as the voting public's rejection of the racial issue injected into the campaign by Dr. Byrd and Democrat Edward Turner, who lost his bid for the Eastern Shore's seat in Congress.

Meanwhile, complete unofficial returns gave Mr. **McKeldin** a majority of 61,949.

The totals were:

McKeldin	379,631
Byrd	317,685

Those figures make the election of Democrat Sybert as attorney general even more impressive.

The final unofficial totals were:

Sybert	324,364
Rollins	287,359

So, Mr. Sybert, now rounding out a four-year term as State senator from Howard county, will wind up with about 5,000 more votes than Dr. Byrd, his erstwhile running mate.

Six of the seven incumbent members of the House of Representatives won re-election, and Democrat Richard E. Lankford

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defeated Frank Small, Jr., the incumbent representative from the Fifth (Southern Maryland) Congressional district.

In each case, the Democrats who won re-election to the Congress topped their winning margins of two years ago. And in each case, the Republicans returned to Washington won by fewer votes than they did in 1952.

Maryland's lineup in the next Congress:

First (Eastern Shore) District—Edward T. Miller, Republican.

Second District (Baltimore, Carroll, and Harford Counties)—James P. S. Devereux, Republican.

Third (Baltimore city) District—Edward A. Garmatz, Democrat.

Fourth (Baltimore city) district—George H. Fallon, Democrat.

Fifth (Southern Maryland) district — Richard E. Lankford, Democrat.

Sixth (Western Maryland) district—DeWitt S. Hyde, Republican.

Seventh (Baltimore city) district—Samuel N. Friedel, Democrat.

Job Ahead For McKeldin.

The Democrats made almost a clean sweep of elections for the Legislature, reducing Republican representation in Annapolis to minuscule proportions.

The next State Senate will have at least 22 Democrats to no more than seven Republicans. The present split is eighteen Democrats and eleven Republicans.

So far, on the face of unofficial returns, 97 Democrats have won election to the House of Delegates as against 22 Republicans, with four contests in doubt.

During the last four years, Democrats have held 88 House seats and the Republicans, 35.

Mr. McKeldin will have to be very adroit to work in harmony with a legislative branch so filled with members of the opposition party.