CITY COUNCIL REJECTS EIGHT M‘KELDIN MEN

Votes, 10 To 9, Against
Some Named In
Green Bag

Action Follows Recommendation Of Committee Of Seven

By a vote of ten to nine the City Council last night rejected eight appointments in Mayor McKeldin’s green bag. They are:

NORMAN H. LABOVITZ, Board of Zoning Appeals. E. ARTHUR HUBB, Board of Zoning Appeals. ARTHUR R. PRICE, and HARRY J. HEMERICH, Board of Fire Commissioners.

CHARLES A. JORDING, Harbor Engineer. CHARLES H. BORCHERING, Buildings Engineer.

J. GEORGE EERMANS, Street Cleaning Engineer. FORMER STATE SENATOR MELVIN L. FINE, Public Improvement Commission.

All of the votes cast against the nominations were those of the majority coalition bloc in the council. They are Councilmen Bonnett, Conroy, Walde, Arthur, Mullin, Abramson, Alpert, Edelman, Sisman, and Mrs. Bailey.

Those Confirmed

The council unanimously confirmed all of the other appointments in the green bag. Included among them are:

FORMER MAYOR WILLIAM F. BROENING, City Collector. NATHAN L. SMITH, Chief Engineer.

LEON SMALL, Water Engineer. WILLIAM N. D. FISCHER, Highways Engineer.

GEORGE E. FINCK, Sewer Engineer. W. RATNER STRAUSS, Mechanical Electrical Engineer.

SIMON E. SOBELOFF, City Solicitor.

DEELEY K. NICE, chief judge of the Appeals Tax Court. ALBERT D. GRAHAM, president of the Commissioners of Finance.

E. ASBURY DAVIS, member of the Commissioners of Finance.

ALBERT E. HUTZLER, Baltimore Housing Authority.

EDWARD J. HECKER, Engineer of Plans and Surveys.

CONRAD ZIERER, Jr., chief, Bureau of Standards.

ERIC FREEDERICK, Superintendent of Transportation.

JOHN A. JANETZKE, Storekeeper.

H. WEBSTER SMITH, president of the Fire Board.

JOHN H. ZINK, president of the Board of Jails Visitors.

CHARLES E. MERBRICK, chairman of the Public Bath Commission.

The eight nominations of the Mayor were rejected after a committee of seven, headed by Maxwell Alpert (D., Fourth), had submitted a report recommending that they not be confirmed.

With Coalition Bloc

All seven members of the Committee are allied with the coalition majority bloc. In its report to the Council, the Alpert committee gave various reasons for refusing to recommend the confirmation of the eight who were rejected. In its statement on Mr. Labowitz, who was named to the Zoning Board by the Mayor as a recess appointment two weeks ago, the committee said that it “feels that Mr. Labowitz does not have sufficient experience in zoning matters and believes his appointment was based solely on political considerations.

The report contained the same statement on Mr. Hart, Mr. Price’s party regularity was questioned by the committee. He is a Democrat and as such was supposed to be the minority appointment on the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Hits Report On Price

Dr. Charles J. Wells (D., Fifth), who is allied with the nine members of the Council opposed to the coalition bloc, severely criticized the report on Mr. Price. Dr. Wells declared that "there are others in the green bag whom the Council is going to confirm whose party regularity is open to question, and I am going to call it to the Council’s attention later.

When the name of J. Marshall Stewart was called for confirmation as a member of the Board of Visitors to the Jail, Dr. Wells arose and declared that Mr. Stewart had made a radio address against Governor O’Conor in the gubernatorial campaign.

He asserted that he was going to vote for Mr. Stewart and added that he only wanted to show the inconsistency of the majority coalition bloc.” Mr. Stewart then was confirmed unanimously.

Pleads For Hemerich

The committee in its report on Mr. Hemerich as a member of the fire board said his “appointment is based solely on political considerations and since the committee earnestly desires to keep politics out of the Fire Department” it recommended he be not confirmed.

Councilman Edward Freburger (D., Sixth), also allied with anti-coalition forces, then made an impassioned plea for Mr. Hemerich and declared that he was “being crucified. His only sin is he is a poor man from a poor family,” Mr. Freburger said, adding that Mr. Hemerich is his neighbor in South Baltimore.

The committee further reported that in its opinion Mr. Jording, Mr. Borchering and Mr. Eierman did not meet the provisions of the City Charter for the post.

Broening Thanks Group

Mr. Fine, who was named by the Mayor to the Public Improvement Commission, “has the reputation of being a capable attorney, but the committee feels that this is not sufficient qualification for membership on the PIC at this time,” the report added.

After the Council adjourned, former Mayor Broening, who was waiting on the floor of the City Hall, thanked the members for voting for him as they left the building. Visibly moved, with tears in his eyes, the former GOP Mayor, who first brought Mr. McKeldin to the City Hall as his secretary, asserted he was “at a loss for words” and added that he hoped he would be able to justify the confidence the Council placed in him.

Mrs. B. Not Surprised

Although she openly opposed the appointment of Mr. Broening to the post of City Solicitor, Mrs. William Bauernschmidt, executive secretary of the Public School Association, last night said his confirmation by the City Council was no surprise.

“If the coalition group in the Council had not passed him, the group led by William Curran would have endorsed him,” Mrs. Bauernschmidt said.

“I think Mr. Broening’s appointment was very unfortunate since we know he is not a good administrator,” Mayor McKeldin had only two reasons for appointing him. First was a personal obligation and the other was political expediency, both of which had no place in public affairs. There was no other reason on earth for this appointment.

Jackson Declines Comment

“It is very nauseating to have
men prominent in business to agree that Mr. Broeneing was not the man for the place, but who explained to me they could not express their opinion because of their positions."

Former Mayor Jackson declined to comment on the Council's action. "I am not playing factional politics. I have taken no interest in the appointments and, therefore, I have no comment to make on the rejections or appointments," he asserted.

Mayor McKeldin was not available for comment at a late hour last night.
M'KELDIN'S GREEN BAG
DRAWS COUNCIL FIRE;
BLOC THREATENS UPSET

Majority Warns That They Will Not Confirm
Appointees Unless Important Changes Are
Made; Jackson's Hand Detected, Is Plain

Holdover Appointees Of Former Mayor Said To
Have Fared Exceedingly Well; Others
Indicated For Minor Posts

BY FRANKLYN L. BAUMGART

Mayor McKeldin last night sent his green bag of
appointments to the City Council for confirmation, but
leaders of the majority coalition bloc in that body immedi-
ately announced it would not be confirmed unless several
important changes were made.

Although the Council is solidly Democratic, and Mr.
McKeldin is a Republican, a spokesman for the coalition
group declared his followers could "detect the hand of
Mayor Jackson in the nominations and to some extent this
is not satisfactory to my friends."

Actually, holdover appointees of Mr. Jackson fared
exceedingly well in Mr. McKeldin's list of nominations. The
Mayor named a majority of the incumbent bureau chiefs
and department heads to succeed themselves.

In addition, the Mayor already has stated that some
Democratic officials will be given posts in a minor capacity.
One is George A. Carter, highways engineer and chief of
the Baltimore Committee on Civilian Defense.

Mr. Carter is to be named deputy chief engineer and the incumbent.
In that post, W. Rayner Straus, was
nominated last night by the Mayor
to head the Bureau of Mechanical
Electrical Service. Luke Ellis, the
incumbent in the latter post is to
be named an assistant in the chief
engineer's office, it was said.

Jacksonites Held Over

Among the Jackson Democratic
holdovers named in the green bag
by the Mayor are Leon Small,
water engineer; George E. Finck,
sewer engineer; Edward J. Hecker,
head of the Bureau of Plans and
Surveys; William N. D. Fischer,
acting highways engineer to head
that department; Conrad Ziegert,
Jr., head of the Bureau of Standards,
and Charles E. Merrick, head
of the Free Public Bath Commis-

Former Mayor William F. Broen-
ing, the Mayor's former "boss" and
political sponsor, was named city
collector.

Simon E. Soboloff, former United
States district attorney here and
one of the Mayor's closest advisers,
was named city solicitor. Nathan L.
Smith, who is serving a short term
as chief engineer in place of the
late George Cobb, was renamed.
These two men are members of the
Board of Estimates.

Names Submitted

The complete list of those named
by Mr. McKeldin:

Mr. Smith, chief engineer.
Mr. Soboloff, city solicitor.
Mr. Broening, city collector.
H. Witzel Smith, president
of Board of Fire Commissioners.
Harry J. Hemmerich, associate
member of the Fire Board.

Arthur B. Price, associate
member of the Fire Board.
CHESTER C. JENNINGS, member of the Board of Visitors to the Jail.

MORRIS SCHAPIRO, member of the Board of Visitors to the Jail.

M. MARSHALL STEWART, member of the Board of Visitors to the Jail.

ALBERT D. HUTZLER, associate member of the Baltimore Housing Authority.

FRANK B. ROBERTSON, member of the Board of Visitors to the Jail.

NORMAN H. LABOVITZ, recess appointment, Board of Zoning Appeals.

MRS. CALVIN GARRELL, advisory board, Municipal Department of Welfare.

The Council took no action on the appointments and ordered them held over until the next meeting at 5 P.M., Thursday in accordance with a Councillmanic rule.

Immediately after the green bag was submitted to the Council, Councillmanic leaders of the majority coalition bloc started a parliamentary maneuver to secure absolute control of confirmation or disapproval of the nominations.

New Committee Created

On motion of John F. Conroy (D., Second), spokesman for the group, the bloc forced through the Council a motion to amend the rules and to create an entirely new committee to be known as the Commission on Executive Appointments. The motion was signed by all ten members of the majority group.

Leaders of the coalition bloc said privately that after the committee is named at 5 P.M., Thursday, a majority of its seven members will be named by the majority group. This group then will pass on Mr. McKelddd's green bag and report to the council.

Since the majority group has absolute control of the Council, with its ten members, the report of the committee cannot be upset by the minority group.

Move Bitterly Opposed

Mr. Conroy's motion to name the new committee and secure control over the Mayor's nominations was opposed bitterly, and at times, acrimoniously, in the Council, but without avail.

Opposition developed immediately to H. Webster Smith, named as president of the Board of Fire. Several members of the Council allied with both the majority and minority groups declared they will oppose his confirmation.
McKeldin Plans To Keep Some Career Men

Lists Few Considered On Basis Of Long Experience

Some of the career men at the City Hall who have won places as heads of important bureaus and departments are to be retained by the incoming administration. Mayor-elect Theodore R. McKeldin announced today.

He followed as among those being considered for retention on the basis of their long experience and demonstrated competence:

**George Cobb**, now chief engineer, formerly head of the Bureau of Highways and before that an engineer on the staff of the paving commission, which was dissolved when the Department of Public Works was created in 1927.

**Leon Small**, who is serving his third term as head of the Bureau of Water Supply and who was a division head in the bureau previously.

**George E. Finck**, now head of the Bureau of Sewers and formerly on the staff of the Bureau of Plans and Surveys. He was before that a member of the staff of the paving body.

**Conrad Ezekiel**, Jr., who has served many terms as head of the Bureau of Standards.

May Be Some Shifts

**William N. D. Fischer**, who successfully reorganized the refuse collection services when they had virtually collapsed some months ago and who has reached the post of Acting Highways Engineer after many years in municipal engineering work.

Mr. Straus in his present rating and Mr. Fischer in his regular rating as assistant highways engineer are in the civil service and are protected from removal in these ratings. In including their names among those being considered for retention it was understood that Mr. McKeldin referred to them as prospects for appointive posts.

Mr. McKeldin said there may be some shifts in the new assignments for these key men who are to be retained. He added:

"I have no desire to remove from the municipal service those career men who are rendering valuable service and whose replacement would impair the functioning of important bureaus and adversely affect efficiency."

To Retain Williams

Mr. McKeldin had promised in his campaign to retain Health Commissioner Huntington Williams. He reiterated today that he would reappoint Dr. Williams when the latter's six-year term expires.

The Mayor-elect also has announced that he would reappoint Mr. Carter as head of the Baltimore Committee on Civilian defense. This post now carries no salary and Mr. Carter is continuing to receive his compensation as head of the Highways Bureau.

The new assignments of the "career men" are to be in the "green bag" list of appointments that the new Mayor will send to the City Council in the latter part of September.

Some 60 Appointees

They will include some sixty appointees as heads of departments and members of boards to replace those whose terms expire as of September 30.

In addition, the new Mayor has the filling immediately of several other places now held by incumbents whose terms have expired, but he has said that he will be in no hurry to fill these posts.

Among these holdovers are Lee I. Hecht, head of the Appeal Tax Court, and George Hofferbert, chairman of the Board of Commissioners for Opening Streets.

Political Members Out

The Mayor-elect made it clear that those who had won their posts principally through politics would be replaced as soon as possible.

In this category he included Frank G. Dotterweich, nominally head of the Bureau of Street Cleaning, but who was shifted to a subordinate post in that department when Mr. Fischer undertook the reorganization of the services January 1.

Also to be replaced, according to the Mayor-elect, is Thomas J. Collins, head of the Bureau of Stores. Another is Joseph S. Bopp, head of the Bureau of Transportation.

Are Ward Leaders

These three are ward leaders in the Jackson political organization.

Mr. McKeldin had announced in his campaign that he would replace Joseph A. Clarke, formerly a contractor and for the past four years head of the Bureau of Buildings.
Mayor-elect McKeldin
Considers Appointments

There is a good deal of promise in Mayor-elect McKeldin’s announcement that many career officials of ability in the Department of Public Works will be retained. A change in administration may bring changes in policies, but the carrying out of those policies and ordinary day-to-day routine in the major services must be left to men of experience if municipal affairs are to be properly administered.

Mr. McKeldin’s announcement seems directed toward the highly important Bureaus of Water Supply, Sewers and Highways. Years ago those agencies were left to the direction of men selected for their ability to deliver votes on election day. More recently they have been run by men selected by reference to the special qualification for which the posts call. If those who have served the city well in these bureaus were dismissed the welfare of the municipality might be jeopardized.

There are other bureau posts in the Department of Public Works which are becoming equally as important. Among these are the Bureau of Street Cleaning and the Bureau of Buildings. In the past the heads of these bureaus have rarely been men of capacity. The jobs for the most part have been considered political plums. The top position in the Bureau of Street Cleaning was in the plum class throughout the Jackson administration, and dirty streets were the result.

There should be an end to political jobholding in these two bureaus. The importance of the Buildings Bureau is increasing day by day under the pressure occasioned by the industrial boom and the shortage in housing facilities. It will not lessen in the post-war years. Mr. McKeldin has the opportunity to place both this and the Street Cleaning Bureau in the career category, where qualifications for a particular office outrank vote-getting ability.

Although Mr. McKeldin has not chosen to discuss this matter, there are reports from Republican sources that the incoming Mayor may make Mr. Galen L. Tait his “administrative assistant” in the City Hall. It is not news that Mr. Tait is close to Mr. McKeldin. He was, in fact, the chief strategist in the late campaign, and his resources as a political maneuverer are well known. But he is the titular leader of all the Republicans of Maryland, and it is not usual in this city to have a man so placed put in a position of public authority. He is certainly no “career man” in the sense which we have been using the term.

Mr. McKeldin clearly has the right to appoint as his confidential adviser a man whom he knows and trusts, and it may be that it is better to have that man in a position of recognized authority than have him operating behind the door. The proof of this pudding, however, will be in the eating.
The text which Mr. McKeldin used is so appropriate to all our hopes of, and now it is difficult to put it aside.

The people are reminded of the larger corporation. It is a question of something which goes on to the community, and the Mayor's City Charter places upon the Mayor the responsibility of selecting the City officials.

And in this connection, we are reminded of the last Municipal Efficiency Commission on Governmental Efficiency. The Mayor and City officials, department heads, and other public officials who are elected by the people, are the ones who are responsible for the actions of the public officials. They will be answerable for any mistakes or misrepresentations.

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Name Competent Men, Mayor Urged

Economy Board Points Out Need For A-1 Administrators

Listing places at the head of City Hall bureaus and departments which Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin will be called upon to fill during the first few months of his administration the Commission on Governmental Efficiency and Economy today called for the appointment of officials of demonstrated qualifications and successful experience to manage the city's business under the new Mayor.

These officials, the commission pointed out, will be charged with the expenditure of at least $60,000,000 a year appropriated in the municipal budget, plus other millions of loan funds.

"Heavy Responsibility"

"The City Charter places upon the Mayor the responsibility of selecting public officials, department and bureau heads, who will direct the municipal service and spend the public money efficiently and economically," said a bulletin issued by the commission. "This responsibility is an especially heavy one during the critical period we are now experiencing.

"In these times especially only those persons who can demonstrate themselves to be adequately qualified by knowledge and by successful practical experience should be appointed to manage the city's business."

Subject To Council Okay

Appointments of most department heads and bureau chiefs are made by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council. The Mayor sends his greenbag list of appointments to the Council in September. The Charter stipulates that if the council refuses to confirm the appointments within three sessions, new appointments must be offered by the Mayor. If the City Council fails to act, the appointments become final.

Solicitor's Tasks

City Solicitor ($8,500 a year)—Head of the Law Department, with thirty-six salaried employees and a budget of $123,920. Duties: Legal adviser to all branches of the municipal government; drafts ordinances, contracts and leases; defends city in litigation; settles damage claims and suits; as a member of the Board of Appeals, takes part in awards of contracts and purchase of material and services exceeding $500; as a member of the Board of Estimates, determination of budgets and control of expenditures, establishment of water rates and tax rates, control of city property; member of the board of Department of Legislative Reference.

The Charter stipulates that the City Solicitor must be a member of the Baltimore bar and have practiced in the city for ten years.

Collector Of Revenues

City Collector ($7,600 a year)—Head of the Bureau of Receipts, with ninety-one salaried employees and a budget of $221,480. Duties: Collection of all taxes and revenue due the city; supervision of tax sales; collection of benefit assessments; preparation and delivery of tax bills. There are no Charter specifications as to the qualifications of the City Collector.

Commissioner of Health ($7,000 a year)—Head of the Department of Health, with 532 salaried employees and a budget of $554,330. The term of this office is six years, and the period for which Commissioner Huntington Williams was appointed runs until 1944.

Health Guardian

Duties—Execution of ordinances for the preservation of health; inspection of plumbing, sewerage facilities and housing conditions; inspection of meats, milk, bakery products and other foods; operation of inspection and supervision of conditions under which they are sold; supervision of health conditions in restaurants; maintenance of records of vital statistics and communicable diseases; operation of clinical work of the Public Health Service, the Advisory Health Board.

The Commissioner of Health must be trained in public health work, a graduate of an approved course in public health, with a medical degree, or have at least eight years of experience in responsible charge of engineering work, or a high-school graduate with fifteen years' experience in engineering, ten of which must have been spent in responsible charge of important projects.

Will these city officials be chosen because of their eminent fitness for these duties?" the bulletin asked. "Will they be selected subject to the Charter's technical qualifications in each instance? If the administration of the city's business is to be effective, must not the essential qualifications of the municipal administrators be identical with those exacted by the business world for the successful administration of equivalent responsibilities?"

Tait First Appointee

Mayor McKeldin's first appointment after taking office at noon yesterday was that of Galen L. Tait, chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, to the especially created post of administrative assistant to the Mayor at $5,000 a year. The Mayor announced that he would offer the berth of City Solicitor to Simon E. Soboloff, former United States District Attorney, upon the anticipated resignation of F. Murray Benson, head of the Municipal Law Department under Mayor McKeldin's Democratic predecessor, Howard W. Jackson.

Qualifications and duties of some of the offices to be filled by Mayor McKeldin, as set forth in the Charter, were listed by the Commission on Governmental Efficiency and Economy as:

Chief Engineer ($8,500 a year): Head of the Department of Public Works, consisting of twelve engineering and public service bureaus; 788 salaried employees; budget, $6,817,141; pay-as-you-go construction fund, $677,000.

Duties Of Engineer

Duties: Supervision of all engineering; as a member of the Board of Estimates, supervision of expenditure of public loans, determination of annual budgets and control of expenditure; establishment of water rates and annual tax rates, control of city property; member of the Public Improvement Commission, Port Development Commission, City Plan Commission, Architectural Commission.

The Charter specifies that the Chief Engineer must be a graduate of high standing with ten years' experience in responsible charge of engineering work, or a high-school graduate with fifteen years' experience in engineering,
Duties: Approval of plans for and inspection of buildings for public safety; provision of property safety precautions; regulations for construction alterations and remodeling of all buildings; management of public buildings; supervision of Bureau of Minor Privileges; member of Board of Public Safety.

Charter specifications: Graduate engineer in good standing, with five years experience in responsible charge of important engineering projects, or high-school education with ten years' experience in engineering five in charge of important engineering projects, and three years' experience in engineering directly related to highways.

Plans and Surveys

Engineer of Plans and Surveys ($6,000 a year): Head of Bureau of Plans and Surveys, with eight salaried employees and a budget of $112,110. Duties: Approval of all real estate development plans; establishment of house numbers and street names; maintenance of plats recording property for taxation; all drafting for city departments; preparation of plans for development of park system; application of the broad aspects of the City Plan. Charter specifications: Graduate engineer of high standing with five years' experience in responsible charge of important engineering projects; or high-school education with ten years' experience in engineering five in charge of important engineering projects, or high-school education with ten years' experience in engineering five in topographical and city planning work.

City Register

City Register ($5,000 a year): City treasurer, with seven salaried employees and a budget of $29,380. (This office is filled by the City Council.)

Duties: Accounting for the public debt, custody of public funds; as a member of the Commissioners of Finance, selection of depositories for municipal funds, the distribution of deposits on a basis advantageous to the city, examination of financial stability of banks selected as city depositories, authorization of temporary loans, investment of sinking funds, retirement of city debt, sale of city bonds; as a member of the Board of Awards, awarding contracts and purchases of material and services in excess of $500. Charter specifications: None.

Street-Cleaning Head

Engineer of Street Cleaning ($5,000 a year): Head of the Bureau of Street Cleaning, with thirty-two salaried employees and a budget of $2,114,680. Duties: Efficient control of collection of garbage, trash, and ashes; protection of public health and cleanliness of city streets; determination of most economical manner of disposing of refuse, member of the Board of Public Safety. Charter specifications: Graduate engineer in good standing, with five years' experience in responsible charge of important engineering projects; or high-school education with ten years' experience in engineering five in charge of important projects.

Consolidation Recommended

Chief Bureau of Standards ($4,500 a year): Head of the Bureau of Standards, twenty-seven salaried employees and budget of $33,360. Duties: Inspection of weights and measures; testing of objects purchased by the city; standardization
of materials and supplies used by the municipal government. Charter specifications: Graduate of recognized technical school, with ability to make analysis of coal, paint, asphalt, cement, to test construction materials, and administrative ability.

The Commission on Governmental Efficiency and Economy pointed out that it recommended in October, 1939, that this bureau be consolidated with the Central Purchasing Bureau and its chief be placed under the merit system.

Report On Storekeeper
General Storekeeper ($4,500 a year): Head of the Bureau of Stores, with four salaried employees and a budget of $9,500. Duties: Ordering, supplies for all departments; distribution and storage of supplies; reclamation of used material and disposal of salvage; study of material needs; reduction of surplus inventory; study of market prices. Charter specifications: Adequate business training, with two years' experience in supervising the handling of material and supplies. The Commission on Governmental Efficiency and Economy has recommended that the position be abolished and the bureau made a division of the Central Purchasing Bureau.

Superintendent of Transportation ($4,000 a year): Head of the Bureau of Transportation, with three salaried employees and budget of $97,000. Duties: Management of transportation equipment and supplies owned or hired by the city for departmental use; maintenance, operation, hiring, assignment and storage of city-owned vehicles; maintenance and operation of garages. Charter specifications: High school education with two years' experience handling transportation problems.

Paid Appointments Listed
In addition to the bureau head appointments, the bulletin listed paid appointments to boards and commissions, including:

Commission on City Plan—Nine members, serving staggered six-year terms, including the Mayor, President of the City Council and chief engineer, ex officio; the chairman is paid $5,000 and the five appointed members $1,000 each; the commission has twelve salaried employees and a budget of $23,880.

Appeal Tax Court: Three members serving staggered three-year terms; the president is paid $4,900 and the associates $3,900 each. The court has seven salaried employees and a budget of $19,380. It hears appeals from tax assessments.

Other Changes Urged
Commissioners for Opening Streets: Three members serving staggered three-year terms, the president paid $4,000 and the associate commissioners $3,500 each. The board has six salaried employees and a budget of $18,999.

The Commission on Governmental Efficiency and Economy has recommended that it be abolished and such work as it has transferred to the City Comptroller.

Board of Zoning Appeals: Five members serving staggered four-year terms, the president paid $3,000 and four members $1,500 each. The board has eight salaried employees and a budget of $18,930.

Board of Fire Commissioners: Three members, the president paid $2,000 and the members $1,500 each. The department has 1,490 employees and a budget of $3,094,915.

The Commission on Governmental Efficiency and Economy has recommended that the fire board be abolished and that administration of the Fire Department be vested in a single executive.

Unpaid Appointments
Public Improvement Commission: Seven members serving staggered five-year terms, the Mayor and Chief Engineer as ex officio members. The chairman is paid $3,000, the four appointed commissioners $1,500 each. The commission has seventy-three employees and a salary budget of $168,260 derived from loan funds which the board administers.

Unpaid appointments to boards and commissions which will occur during the new municipal administration include members of the nine-man Board of School Commissioners, the five-man Board of Park Commissioners, the three-man City Service Commission, the five-man Commissioners of Finance, the five-man Board of Trustees of the Employees Retirement System, the seven-member Recreation Commission, the nine-member Jail Board, the seven-member Free Public Bath Commission, the five-member Board of Municipal Music, the seven-member Port Development Commission, the five-member Smoke Control Advisory and Appeal Board, the nine-member Advisory Welfare Board, the five-member Housing Authority, the nine-member War Memorial Commission, the eight-member Art Commission, and members of the Lexington Market Authority Committee authorized by the last Legislature.
Group Chosen To Consider New Mart

Lexington Structure Replacement Will Be Studied

Mayor Theodore B. McKeldin today named a representative committee to study and report on the project to construct a new Lexington Market with a roof parking deck.

The undertaking would be financed through a bond issue that would be serviced and liquidated out of revenues from parking fees and stall rentals.

His action was in accord with an enabling act of the last Legislature which, in effect, gave the committee the authority to submit a construction plan and a program for the floating of the bond issue. Following approval by the Mayor, the recommendations would be submitted to the municipal departments concerned, and then to the City Council.

The latter body then would be asked to enact an ordinance which would create a Lexington Market Authority, managed by a commission of five members to be named by the Mayor from the roster of the committee he appointed today.

Subsequent Steps

There would follow the enactment of a bond issue, financing the new structure. The city and the authority covering construction of the market and its operation during the period of the liquidation of the bond issue. With that completed, the project would be developed out of revenues generated by the operation of the market.

Mr. McKeldin, designated Martin B. Kohn, vice-president of Hochschild, Reed & Co. Inc., as chairman of the committee. As required by the statute, its membership includes those qualified to study the legal, financial, architectural, engineering and community problems involved in the plan.

Others On Committee

The other members are:
- W. Waters Pagon, member of the Commission on City Plan.
- William H. Langley, a Negro commission merchant.
- Frank A. Serio, a Lexington market stall merchant.
- F. Murray Benson, city solicitor.
- Two Lawyers
  - Wendell D. Allen, attorney.
  - Enos S. Stockbridge, attorney.
- C. Margaret Marshall, director of the Walters Art Gallery.
- James R. Edmunds, architect.
- S. Page Nelson, vice-president of the Savings Bank of Baltimore.
- John C. Legg Jr., of Mackubin Legg & Co.
- George S. Colburn, supervisor of the operating office of the Consolidated Gas Electric Light and Power Company of Baltimore.
- Contractor A Member
  - James E. Little, building contractor.
  - John N. Mackall, consulting civil engineer and former head of the State Roads Commission.
  - Thomas F. Comber, professor of civil engineering at Johns Hopkins University.
  - Nathan L. Smith, chief engineer of Baltimore.
- Two Architects
  - William F. Stone, Jr., architect.
  - R. E. Lee Taylor, architect.
  - William T. Childs, investment banker and candidate for the Democratic nomination for the City Comptroller in the spring primary.

Another Market Survey Slated

Appointment of a commission to survey the wholesale fruit and vegetable market facilities in Baltimore, with a view toward determining what improvements are needed and how they might be financed, was announced today by Gov. Herbert O. Conover.

Creation of the commission was authorized by the Legislature, and under the terms of the act the appointments were made from nominations submitted by various organizations. The membership of the body is limited to thirteen, and they will select their own chairman.

Kirkwood Asked To Act

In order that the group might begin its work at once, however, the Governor said he had asked William H. Kirkwood, Jr., one of the appointees, to act as chairman pro tem, and call a meeting in the near future at which the members can perfect their own organization.

Simplification Claimed

Advocates of a centralized market say it will relieve traffic congestion, expedite the handling of fruit and produce by the farmers and the carriers, and simplify the problems of the buyers, who now must visit all three markets to examine all the commodities.

In its studies the market commission will have the help of the Atlas Market market commission and the National League of Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Distributors.

Mr. Kirkwood is a member of a South Baltimore produce firm. Serving with him on the commission are:
- Dr. F. B. Bomberger, director of markets extension service at the University of Maryland.
- J. Raymond Bunning, Jr.; F. Ridgely Todd, of Sparrows Point.
- A. Lee Burker, Robert N. Stevens, George Schmid, G. M. Fyke, D. G. Harry, of Pyleville, and Joseph Smelkinson.

Commissioners Not Paid

All the members of the commission are serving without compensation. The law creating the commission directs that it undertake studies and surveys of the wholesale fruit and vegetable markets, and draw up a program of improvement to relieve congestion and loss of time in handling produce and fruit. The law further directs that the commission report its findings to the Governor, the State Legislative Council and the Mayor of Baltimore by October 1, 1944.

In discussions of the wholesale market problem here there has been some suggestion for a centralization of the existing markets—those at Market Space, the Camden street freight station of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and the Bolton terminal of the Pennsylvania Railroad—under one roof.
Mayor Names Board
To Plan Aviation
Future Of City

Robert O. Bonnell Will Be Commission Chairman;
Ordinance Defining Powers To Be
Submitted To Council

Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin today appointed a new Municipal Aviation Commission and assigned the body the task of preparing a practical program for the development of the city's airport facilities to meet air-traffic needs of the future.

He announced that an ordinance giving the body definite powers and duties would be submitted to the City Council with the object of giving the commission a place in the municipal government.

Mr. McKeldin said the body would be an actively working commission, not just a discussion group, and would have a paid executive secretary.

Bonnell Named Chairman
Robert O. Bonnell, banker and head of the Civilian Mobilization Committee, was named chairman of the aviation group. The other members are:

CHARLES H. BUCK, president of the Maryland Title Company.
CHARLES M. BANDIERE, member of the House of Delegates.
HARRY COHEN, president of the Baltimore Federation of Labor.
RICHARD A. FROEHLINGER, president of the Arundel Corporation.
AUGUST B. HANKE, general manager of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company.
IRVING H. KORN, president of Hochschild, Kohn and Company.
W. WATERS PAGAN, member of the Commission on City Plan and the city's consulting engineer on the municipal airport.
WALTER P. PERKINS, vice-president and general manager of the Koppers Corporation, Bartlett Hayward division.
G. HARRY POUDER, executive vice-president of the Baltimore Association of Commerce.
WILLIAM F. SCHLUEBERG, president of the Schlueberg-Kurkle Company.
JOHN E. SEMMEN, member of the law firm of Semmes, Bowen & Semmens.
NATHAN L. SMITH, chief engineer.

Airport Improvement

"But meanwhile plans should be made covering the improvement and expansion of the Municipal Airport. They should also include the entire air travel and transport situation of Baltimore and the possibility of the later necessity for additional airports. The airport's runways may be too short for certain types of large airplanes, but in its location and design it has some fundamental advantages. Mr. Charles B. Donaldson, director of airports for the Civil Aeronautics Authority, has said concerning the adequacy of runways: The present outlook is that airports in Class 4 category will adequately serve our future air-transport operations so far as can be foreseen. And in this connection he indicates that sea-level airports with runways of 4,500 feet can be rated in Class 4. Class 4 is the highest airport rating given by the CAA."

Eight Million Spent

The Mayor pointed out that $8,018,000 has been spent on the airport, not including maintenance costs, and that of this amount about $4,800,000 was provided by the city and the balance by the Federal Government.

He added:

"We have a fairly good airport. The committee I am appointing will make a careful study of the adequacy of the present airport and what our post-war needs may be. The city's aviation policy should be realistic with respect to trends and developments.

CAA Has Authority

"To that end Federal air authorities and engineers of airlines which have a stake in this area should be consulted before any definite major moves are made. As I understand it, the Civil Aeronautics Authority is the final authority under the present law."

The Mayor pointed out that the new aviation commission would make a close study of the changes being made by CAA in its nationwide airport policies. He added that CAA is seeking to determine the character of airport facilities that will be needed during the next six years."
Mayor Defends Welfare Chief

A recently enacted resolution of the Republican City Committee challenged Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin's announced intention of reappointing Thomas J. S. Waxter as head of the department of welfare drew from the mayor today the sharp retort that partisan politics should have no place in the filling of this post.

This is the second time that Mr. McKeldin has found himself at odds with his local party committee on the filling of an important municipal job. His appointment of Nathan L. Smith as Chief Engineer had been opposed by the committee, most of the members sending him telegrams demanding another for the place.

The Mayor was asked whether he had received a copy of the recent committee motion asking that he name a Republican for the welfare job next year when Mr. Waxter's term expires.

Mayor's Reply

Mr. McKeldin replied:

"It is correct that I received the resolution passed by the Republicans of the city of Baltimore in opposition to the appointment—when his present term expires—of Thomas J. S. Waxter, head of the Department of Public Welfare. I have rejected, as the language of diplomacy puts it, this document for two reasons, either sufficient without the other.

I have already publicly stated that by reason of Mr. Waxter's character, experience, his capacity as an administrator of the public welfare and because of the public confidence reposed in him, which I share, that I would reappoint him in his present position.

"This I shall do."

Party Immaterial

"The party label which might be attached to him is immaterial where important public services are involved, such as the care of the sick, the injured, the blind, the indigent, the aged and the helpless infant."

Referring to his promise to give Baltimore the best government of nonpartisan character of which he is capable, the Mayor added:

"Accordingly, I named in my list of appointments to be acted upon tonight by the City Council fifty-three persons, including several career men, of which thirty-two are Republicans and twenty-one are Democrats, to assist me in the administration of the city. At the same time I announced that Robert Garrett, head of public recreation; Dr. Huntington Williams, head of the Health Department, and Mr. Waxter, of the Welfare Department, would be reappointed when their terms expire."

Directive Harmful

"In view of this deliberately proclaimed purpose it will be harmful to my Administration if a political committee, however well meaning, of my own or of any party, could have authority to impose upon me purely political directives, either in the form of a resolution or a round robin. To serve Baltimore best and achieve public confidence it should be clear that my judgments must be free."
Mayor Adds 13 Names to Youth Commission

By ALDINE R. BIRD

With 13 additional names added to the general membership, the Baltimore Youth Commission, appointed by Mayor McKeldin, today began its task of laying the framework for a program to bring juvenile delinquency into line.

At its initial meeting in the City Hall the Mayor pledged all available resources of the city to “give youth an opportunity to become decent, upright and responsible citizens for tomorrow’s great post-war era.” He added, “What Solomon said about training a child in the way it should go, so that as it grows older it will not depart from it, is as applicable today as it was then.

PARENTAL CONTROL

“It is a well-recognized fact that only through definite, rigid parental control of children can juvenile delinquency be blotted out of our courts.

“I wish to commend The Baltimore News-Post and Sunday American for its unstinted leadership and contribution to the success of the assignment I have given you. I can only hope that your cooperation will be on an equally generous basis and that we can all say, with one accord, ‘It is time for action!’

BROAD SCOPE OUTLINED

In announcing appointment of an executive committee to co-ordinate the entire program of action, and the designation of several sub-committees for specific tasks, Judge Charles E. Moylan, general chairman, outlined the broad scope of the commission’s duties.

Members of the various committees, he explained, have been assigned because of their special knowledge of particular work to be done and, in its present makeup, virtually any phase of the commission’s work will be well represented.

NAMED BY MAYOR

Those added to the general membership by the Mayor are: Mrs. Charles W. Lewis of the Florence Criritten Mission; Miss Bertha G. Kyle, executive secretary, Home Play Group Association; James G. McCullister; the Rev. Paul E. Bohi; Brigadier Charles H. Dodd, Salvation Army; A. Milton Miller, John W. Parrell, Dr. Frank Schwartz; Mrs. J. Bailey Mercer and Mrs. Irene Bobenis, both past department presidents of the American Legion Auxiliary; the Rev. M. George Packard, Church of the Epiphany; Mrs. Juanita Mitchell and Dr. Nelson S. Covell.

SECRETARIAL PROVISION

Judge Moylan announced that The Baltimore News-Post and Sunday American will sponsor a dinner conference between a number of representative youths and the executive committee and sub-committee members to hear direct from Baltimore boys and girls as to what they want in recreation and other facilities.

DINNER PLANNED

The dinner will be held within two weeks at a downtown hotel at which both Mayor McKeldin and Judge Moylan will be present.

The first recreation center for youth in the expanding program is expected to be organized tonight when teen-age boys and girls of Overlea meet in their community hall to elect officers and set up a charter membership.

TOWSON RALLY

At a rally in Towson, at which Harold S. Callowhill, director of the Baltimore Department of Public Recreation spoke, members of the Kiwanis Club, sponsoring the meeting voted to stimulate a movement to aid its youth.

President Robert J. Porter appointed W. T. Zerr as chairman of a committee of five to work on the problem of securing a youth center for Towson.
Council Undecided As To Action On Mayor's Request To Reconsider Action In Disapproving Appointment Of J. George Eierman As Street Cleaning Bureau Head

THE CITY COUNCIL has not yet made a decision on the request of Mayor McKeldin that it reconsider its action in disapproving the appointment of J. George Eierman as head of the Bureau of Street Cleaning.

Actually, the Council has taken no official action on the matter. Some of the Councilmen have discussed the Mayor's request privately, but they have shown a reluctance to take the initiative and bring the subject officially before the Council in an effort to settle the question.

These Councilmen have asserted privately that the request of the Mayor is very unusual and several legal questions are involved, some of which concern parliamentary procedure.

Unfortunately, it was said that the request for reconsideration of Mr. Eierman placed the Council Committee on Executive Appointments, headed by Maxwell Alpert (D., Fourth), in an embarrassing position since the committee formally ruled that Mr. Eierman could not comply with the provisions of the City Charter for the post.

The Alpert committee's report was signed by all seven members and on the final roll call it was supported by the ten members of the coalition majority bloc which had control of the Council at that time. The councilmanic forces allied with William Curran voted for Mr. Eierman, who was one of eight persons in the Mayor's green bag disapproved by the Council.

ALTHOUGH THE MEMBERS of the Council who opposed Mr. Eierman's confirmation expressed themselves as friendly to Mr. McKeldin and declared that he should not be criticized for asking the Council to reconsider its action, several of these Councilmen have said they are placed in a position where they would have to reverse themselves on what they consider a clear-cut issue of fact.

They pointed out that the committee formally reported to the Council as a whole that after making a diligent study of the matter, they found that Mr. Eierman was not eligible for the job under the Charter and that they would be forced to admit they were wrong if they reconsidered the matter and voted to approve Mr. Eierman.

In this connection, they declared they would be glad to consider Mr. Eierman for some other post, but they insisted that their findings on his eligibility for the street-cleaning post are consistent with the law on the subject. Consequently, they are reluctant to reopen the matter, although Mr. McKeldin made his request for reconsideration on November 15.

In his letter to the Council, Mr. McKeldin said, in part:

"Among the essential services which we are called upon to provide—services which affect the public taste, convenience, comfort and good health—are the cleaning and the keeping clean of the public streets and alleys.

"Nothing is more offensive to the public view than unclean, neglected streets, littered with dirt, papers and garbage. Such conditions harbor rats and carry germs of disease.

"The women of our city—the thrifty housewife in particular—find these conditions intolerable. Unfortunately, it has not been possible to correct the conditions stated as fully and as promptly as desired.

"It is because I believe that J. George Eierman may be able to bring about this consummation desirously that I venture to ask you again to consider Mr. Eierman's qualifications with a view to his confirmation if it be compatible with your sense of public duty."

So far as the operation of the Bureau of Street Cleaning is concerned, Nathan L. Smith, chief engineer of Baltimore, on Friday, told the City Council that he has hopes of bringing about an improvement in the next few months and at reduced cost.

"I have some very definite ideas for improving the street-cleaning services," Mr. Smith said. "Some parts of my plans would require the passage of ordinances and some can be put into effect without any additional authority.

"I hope," he added, "in the first quarter of 1944 to be able to make a definite improvement in the bureau and at less expense."

Mr. Smith emphasized, however, the necessity for an educational program.

He said he would prefer not to disclose details of his plans at this time.
COUNCIL CONFIRMS
J. GEORGE EIERMAN
Approves Him As Street Cleaning Engineer

The City Council last night confirmed J. George Eierman as chief engineer of the Street Cleaning Department.

The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Eierman will succeed Frank G. Dotterweich, who stepped down from his post as head of the bureau nearly a year ago after complaints had been made of unclean city streets. Since that time, William P. Fannon had been acting as chief engineer.

Turned Down Previously

The Council previously had refused to confirm Mr. Eierman, but at the insistence of Mayor McKeldin, it reconsidered its action.

Mr. Eierman's name first was sent to the Council by the Mayor in his gnomast of appointments, and was disapproved by the legislative body by a vote of 10 to 9. Later, when the Mayor asked the Council to reconsider its action, it refused.

Backed By Casey

Mr. McKeldin, however, sent Mr. Eierman's name to the Council for a third time, and yesterday he established a precedent by personally appearing before the Council Committee on Executive Appointments and urging confirmation.

A number of other civic leaders and businessmen also appeared before the committee and recommended confirmation. Among them were William J. Casey, chairman of the Commission on Governmental Efficiency and Economy; Frank H. Durkee, president of the Park Board, and William T. Childs, who was a Democratic candidate for comptroller in the spring elections.

Mr. McKeldin emphasized that he appeared before the committee at its invitation.

Executive Insistence

Last night the committee, in a written report on Mr. Eierman, referred to the resubmission of his name by the Mayor "with frank, some degree of executive insistence."

In reversing itself and approving the appointment of Mr. Eierman, the committee called attention to provisions of the City Charter which cite alternative qualifications. In his post, the committee previously had held that Mr. Eierman did not meet the qualifications necessary under provisions of the charter.

Mrs. Ella Bailey (D., Sixth) was absent.
M’Keldin Names 49 To Plan For New Stadium

Charles P. McCormick, head of McCormick & Co., spice manufacturers, was named by Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin today as chairman of a 49-member committee to develop a program for a new stadium.

The new sports plant would be constructed on the site of the present arena or elsewhere and among other functions would provide home grounds for the Orioles and for a professional football team.

Plans call for financing the new stadium out of income from events held here. On the basis of tentative estimates revenue will be sufficient to amortize the cost of a $2,500,000 to $3,000,000 plant. The large committee, representing all interests, is to be divided into subcommittees to deal with separate aspects of the proposal, such as design, location, site, financing, public attitude and equipment and facilities.

Group To Sample Opinion

Mayor McKeldin said: “Since the destruction of Oriole Park, there has been widespread interest in various proposals for improving the present Stadium or for the establishment of a new stadium with adequate facilities for public gatherings for sports and other purposes. While the responsibility for a final decision rests upon the city officials it seems appropriate in a case like this to consult the opinion of a cross section of the general community.

Representative Group

“I have, therefore, appointed a committee, representing the various elements composing our community, including persons competent to pass upon all financial, architectural, engineering, real estate, legal, and transportation phases, not omitting persons who live in the immediate neighborhood of the present stadium. Under the leadership of Mr. McCormick, I am sure that appropriate subcommittees will thoroughly consider the problems involved and that their conclusions will afford the officials of the city at least a basis for a sound plan of action.”

Locations Suggested

A number of locations for an enlarged and improved arena have been tentatively put forward by those interested in the proposal. One site suggested is the Pimlico race track. This suggestion is dependent upon the carrying out of a scheme that would involve a re-location of racing centers in Maryland.

Another location mentioned is Cyburn, the tract between Falls road and Green Spring avenue, acquired by the city a year or more ago for eventual inclusion in the park system. Objection of some of the residents of the area around the present Stadium to the noise and bright lights from events now being held there at night is to be one of the matters considered by the committee.

Members Listed


Also John A. Stalfot, James G. McCallister, Max Bishop, Arthur B. Price, Abraham Watner, Charles L. Herzog, Merwyn Jacobson, Harold I. Fink, Royden A. Blunt, Norman Labovitz, Harry Parr 3d, C. Markland Kelly, president of the City Council and former head of the Stadium Committee of the Park Board.

Also Harper Clark, David Goldstrum, Ferris Thomsen, John C. Munder, Abraham Finean, Jerome G. Scherr, Louis Smith, Alfred E. Cross, former member of the Park Board; Frederick Philip Stieff, C. Vernon Thomas, M. Gordon Lyons, Harry M. Berman, Albert Shuger, J. Richard Hayes.

Also Albert A. Lutz, Harry J. Klasmeier, Howard F. Goldsmith, Jesse Linthicum, Paul Menton, Roger Pippen, Mrs. Stanley Delcher and Mrs. Archibald McBride.

The committee is to be assembled in the Mayor’s office within the next several days and after organization, is to begin its several tasks at once.
Williams, Waxter
Reappointed

Appointment of Health Commissioner Huntington Williams and Welfare Director Thomas J. S. Waxter for new six-year terms was announced today by Mayor Theodore McKeldin.

The Mayor also said that he had reappointed L. Edwin Goldman as a member of the Advisory Welfare Board.

All three nominations are subject to approval by the City Council, to which they will be sent tonight. Reappointment of Dr. Williams was promised by the Mayor in his campaign.

The terms of both department heads were increased from four to six years some time ago so that the appointment would be made in the middle of a municipal administration and thus freed of the political pressure that is brought to bear at the beginning of a new administration when most of the appointive jobs are distributed.
GROUP NAMED ON CITY SLUMS

Appointed By Mayor To Deal With Problems

Mayor McKeldin yesterday appointed a coordinating committee of officials representing municipal agencies to deal with various phases of housing and rehabilitation problems.

Those named were Alfred H. Fletcher, Baltimore Housing Authority, chairman; Nathan L. Smith, chief engineer of Baltimore; Simon E. Sobeloff, City Solicitor; William D. Lambdin, associate member City Plan Commission; Thomas J. S. Waxter, director, Department of Welfare, and Dr. Huntington Williams, Commissioner of Health, as associate members.

Recommended By Sobeloff

The committee was named in line with a recommendation of Mr. Sobeloff. In his housing report to the Mayor last Saturday, which was designed to furnish data for use in formulating an administrative policy for handling slum clearance, housing, and blight-elimination problems.

Mr. Sobeloff recommended that the city agencies be coordinated and that they work in conjunction with civic groups.

Meeting To Be Called Soon

Following the suggestion of Mr. Sobeloff, the Mayor authorized the committee to consult agencies interested in housing, blight rehabilitation and related problems, and mentioned specifically the Real Estate Board, the Citizens' Planning and Housing Commission and representatives of all races and groups.

Mr. McKeldin announced he would call a meeting of the committee within a few days.
Revenue Sources Sought By Group

A seven-member committee was appointed today by Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin to study and report on the feasibility of tapping new sources of revenue to ease the burden on real estate.

Reuben Oppenheimer, Baltimore attorney, has been designated as chairman of the committee. Other members are Paul F. Due, attorney and chairman of the City Service Commission; Walter C. Mylander, attorney; John D. Wright, attorney; Landon B. Davies, insurance man; James Piper, Jr., real estate man, and John E. Weyer, banker.

Mayor Issues Statement

In a statement the Mayor pointed out that municipal services are constantly expanded and that the resulting tax burden rests most heavily on the small home owner. He said:

"Baltimore faces a critical tax situation due to the fact that its services, of necessity, are constantly expanded while the chief sources of revenue have been pre-empted by the Federal and State governments. This casts the chief burden on the small home owner of the city who should be granted relief."

Expects Action Soon

"The personnel of the committee includes professional and business men of wide experience and I hope that through them some worthwhile suggestions for relief will be made available in time for consideration by the Legislature if legislation is deemed necessary."

The Mayor said the committee would be organized at once and asked to submit its findings in time for preparation of whatever legislation that must be submitted to the General Assembly, which convenes in January.
MAYOR NAMES HARBOR GROUP

Appoints Advisory Board, With
J. H. Threadgill Chairman

A Harbor Advisory Board of industrialists, business executives, and others, closely associated with the Port of Baltimore, was appointed yesterday by Mayor McKeldin.

J. H. Threadgill, president of the Steamship Trade Association, was named chairman. Other members are:

GEORGE H. FRENCH, president, Maryland Drydock Company.
ROBERT G. HERD, chairman, maritime exchange committee, Chamber of Commerce.
AUGUST ISEN, president, International Longshoremen's Association.
H. C. JEFFERSON, president, Curtis Bay Towing Company.
JOHN A. INGLIS, president, the Propeller Club of Baltimore and associated with the Western Maryland Railway.
JOHN L. KRONAU, chairman, Port Development Commission.
D. J. MONTIHN, district freight agent, Pennsylvania Railroad.
G. R. NANCE, president, Canton Railroad Company.
G. H. PUDER, executive vice president, Baltimore Association of Commerce.
DONALD F. STEVENS, chairman, Baltimore Port Railroad Committee and associated with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

Commander F. A. Carter, president of the Association of Maryland Pilots.

Mayor McKeldin said he and members of the board "recognize the Port of Baltimore as the chief asset to the city and feel that its position in world trade should be maintained and further enhanced."

"The condition of the piers and wharves on Light street," the Mayor said, "is a matter that could very properly engage the attention of this committee; improvement of the present piers attracting new shipping lines; new industries along the water front where transportation by water is essential; widening and deepening of our channels; additional anchorage areas, and a wider publicity of the facilities that are offered by this port, and many other things may be taken up by the new board."
INTERRACIAL STUDY GROUP IS APPOINTED

Mayor Names Waxter Head Of Committee Which Will Meet Today

A committee to "promote good relations between the various groups" of Baltimore citizens and to "seek for community good will and harmony" was appointed yesterday by Mayor McKeldin.

While the problem to be solved is mainly one for the city, the Mayor said, he suggested that the committee consult with Joseph P. Healy, head of the State Commission to Study Problems Affecting the Negro Population.

Thomas J. S. Waxter, head of the Department of Public Welfare, was designated chairman of the committee.

Other Committee Members
The other members are:
- HAMILTON R. ATKINSON, police commissioner.
- DR. HUNTINGTON WILLIAMS, health commissioner.
- J. D. STEELE, chairman of the Commission on City Plan.
- NATHAN L. SMITH, chief engineer of Baltimore.
- Y. W. DILLEHUNT, director of the Baltimore Housing Authority.
- GEORGE B. MURPHY, member of the Baltimore Housing Authority.
- LINWOOD O. KOGER, assistant city solicitor.

Mr. Murphy and Mr. Koger are Negroes. It conceives it is a responsibility of office, so far as officially possible," the Mayor said, "to promote good relations between the various groups of our citizens.

"Persuasion Over Prejudice"
"We offer worship to the same Providence, owe allegiance to the same country, state and city and believe in the same concepts of peace and human justice. "We would be remiss in duty if we—all of us—should not attempt to banish or modify the tensions and irritations of community life growing out of differences in sex, religion, racial origin or community contact.

"This means in every quarter self and community control or persuasion over prejudice, selfishness and human greed.

"Am I My Brother's Keeper?"
A frequent question was posed in the Scriptures, "Am I my brother's keeper?" Brought to the practical domain of government, the answer is 'yes.' This surely applies to an international congress on world affairs, to a nation and state, and, therefore, to a city. It is a reciprocal obligation bearing on all, whether citizens or officials.

"In order to attempt accord and seek for community good will and harmony, I have appointed a committee to study fundamentals and search for the full loaf of solution or the half loaf of compromise, as the case may require.

"The immediate objective is to find practical relief as a social necessity and soften the aspersities of the present and postwar period of increased pressure and demand for adequate Baltimore housing. This comes from all elements of Baltimore's original and recently acquired population. It comes as a social and sanitary need particularly and most urgently from the vastly increased number of Negro residents.

"Their labor and skills, and those of other newcomers, have notably increased the productive capacity and basic wealth of Baltimore—destined to be a great industrial and transportation center of the immense, expanding postwar industrial America, the mechanical, as well as moral, heart of a world in ruins which requires rebuilding."

The committee will hold its first meeting at a luncheon today at the Department of Public Welfare, 327 St. Paul place.
HISTORIC SITES TO BE STUDIED

Mayor Names Group To Suggest Preservation Plans

A committee to make specific recommendations concerning the preservation of historic landmarks in Baltimore has been appointed by Mayor McKeldin.

The 32 committee members are: the Rev. Bruce McDonald, the Rev. C. Baker Pearle, Mrs. George For- noff, Henry Ritter, Walter N. Ruth, J. J. O'Dowd, Mrs. Rose Tudor, Mrs. Emily R. Williams, Colonel George E. Ijams, Edward D. Martin, Carl Ross McKendrick, John W. Mehling, J. Dallas Kirwan, Mrs. Morris Harris, Paul Burke and Frank S. Brill.


Mayor McKeldin appointed the committee following the passage of a resolution by the Baltimore Flag Week Committee relative to the preservation of various landmarks in the city.

The committee appointed by the Mayor consisted of the entire Flag Week Committee and the Rev. Mr. McDonald, pastor of the Westminister Presbyterian Church.
CITY COUNCIL
ADJOURNS TILL
SEPTEMBER
Mayor Refuses To Change Personnel Of Aviation Commission

BY GEORGE C. DORSCH
The City Council last night adjourned until September after Mayor McKeldin refused to comply with a last-minute request of the Committee on Executive Appointments to withdraw two of his appointees to the Redevelopment Commission or to change the personnel of the Municipal Aviation Commission, both of which were before the Council for confirmation or disapproval.

The Council voted, 14 to 4, against the appointment to the Redevelopment Commission of D. K. Rockwell, a Republican, and Leland Rockwell, who operates a real estate business here. The Council based its vote on the fact that both Mr. Fisher and Mr. Rockwell are Republicans and his wife active in GOP politics and is a member of the Board of Supervisors of Elections.

Voting for the confirmation of Mr. Fisher and Mr. Rockwell were C. Martin, and Kelly, Council president, who did not participate in the debate over their nomination; Councilmen Rockwell, chairman of the Committee on Executive Appointments, and Jacob J. Edelman, both of the Fourth district, and Jerome Sioman, Fifth district.

Despite protestations of opposition Councilmen to the contrary, there were some in the City Hall who alleged Mr. Fisher was "sacrificed" because a Council majority was opposed to giving a Baltimore county Republican boss an important post in the municipal government. Councilman Kelly pointed out the Council could not afford to add another Baltimore county Republican to the other.

Committee Also Split
The Committee on Executive Appointments also was divided on the issue. Opposing the confirmation of Mr. Fisher and Mr. Rockwell were Councilmen Bennett (First), John F. Conroy (Second), James F. Arthur (Third), and Mrs. Ella A. Bailey (Sixth). For confirmation were Mr. Alpert, Mr. Sioman and Councilman Leon Abramson (Fourth). A similar division was in the Committee on Executive Appointments and in the Council appeared imminent before the Aviation Commission nominees' resignations were confirmed. Word spread that John F. Semmes, of the law firm of Semmes, Bowen & Semmes, was a resident of Baltimore county, living at Hyde. A phone call was put in to the Board of Supervisors of Elections, which advised that Mr. Semmes' voting residence is 100 West University Parkway.

Mr. Fisher, whose appearance brought laudatory remarks by Mr. Sioman and Mr. Abramson, said he was born and raised in Baltimore city and in recent years moved to Baltimore county. He, as a member of the architectural firm of Taylor and Fisher, designed the Baltimore Trust Building, several public schools and many prominent buildings in Baltimore.

Harry L. Katz, manager of the fay Company, and S. Page Nelson, president of the Savings Bank of Baltimore, nominees for the Lexington Market Authority, explained they did not seek the posts.

Councilmen Sioman, during questioning of Lucius R. White, Jr., nominated to the City Plan Commission, said "he will be a great asset to the community."

O'Malley Protests
William C. O'Malley, a member of the House of Delegates, is protesting against the composition of the new Aviation Commission which he said should have among its members the Secretary of the National Aeronautics Association or the Civil Air Patrol or both.

The Committee on Appointments then withdrew into executive session. Soon word leaked from the room that the committee wanted the aviation commission altered and would oppose Mr. Fisher and Mr. Rockwell. Then, the committee went to Mayor McKeldin's office, where they asked the Mayor to withdraw the names of Mr. Fisher and Mr. Rockwell. He refused and asked for a change in the aviation commission. He refused.

Returning to the Council chamber, the committee submitted its major and minority reports. Mr. Alpert spoke for the pro-confirmation group and Mr. Bennett for the opposition. There was a debate during which Mr. Conroy asked those for confirmation: "Would you be satisfied to have all five members of the Redevelopment Commission come from the county?" Councilman Edelman said his group would be satisfied with two. Mr. Conroy then wanted to know "if one or two, why not the entire five?"

Finally Mr. Kelly called for a vote and each nominee was voted on individually. Confirmed were: Mr. White, City Plan Commission.

Oscar Apple, president of the Music Union, returned to the Board of Municipal Music.

Charles Kirk Straub, Park Commissioner.

Lexington Market Authority
JAMES B. EDMUNDS, JR., CHAIRMAN,
F. MURRAY HANSON, VICE CHAIRMAN,
HARRY L. KATZ,
S. PAGE NELSON,
LEBOY T. HILL, AVIATION COMMISSION
ROBERT O. BONNEILL, CHAIRMAN,
AUGUST B. HANZER,
CHARN T. MENZIES,
WALTER F. PERKINS,
WILLIAM F. SCHLEIDERBERG,
HARRY COHEN,
REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
CLARK S. BONHAM, CHAIRMAN,
SIDNEY D. COHEN,
GEORGE H. MORRIS.
The Redevelopment Commission will have a majority with which to begin functioning when sworn in by the Mayor.

Before the Council adjourned until September 19, Councilman Simon P. Jarosinski's birthday, a councilmanic committee was appointed by Mr. Kelly to call on the Mayor to ascertain if he had any further business for the city legislators. They returned empty handed.

Both Answerable

After adjournment, Mayor McKeldin said he told his councilmen visitors that he thought the Council ought to stay in session to act on any appointments he might send to the Council, indicating he would send other names than Mr. Fisher's and Mr. Rockwell's or again submit their names to the Council.

"I told them I would not withdraw any names," the Mayor said. "Mr. Fisher and Mr. Rockwell are highly competent, public-spirited citizens who were ready to render a great service to the city without charge. After persuading Mr. Fisher, who was indorsed by the city's architects, to take the post, how could I ask him to withdraw?"

"But, the committee told me that I ought to have on the Redevelopment Commission a good architect from South or East Baltimore since those sections would figure largely in redevelopment.

"It is my responsibility to nominate. It is their responsibility to confirm or disapprove. I stand behind my action. Both of us are answerable to the public."