

THEODORE R. MCKELDIN

Governor of Maryland

Theodore Roosevelt McKeldin was born November 20, 1900, in Baltimore City, one of the eleven children of the late James A. and Dora (Grief) McKeldin. He is married to the former Honolulu Manzer. They have a son and a daughter, Theodore, Jr., and Clara.

Governor McKeldin was educated in the public schools of Baltimore, and after completing his elementary education, he took his high school courses at night in the Baltimore City College while working during the days. He also took his law course in night classes at the University of Maryland where he received an LL.B. degree in 1925. He took post-graduate work in economics at the Johns Hopkins University.

While practicing law in Baltimore since 1926, the Governor also was on the faculty of the University of Baltimore Law School, the Baltimore College of Commerce, the Bard-Avon School, the Baltimore Institute and the Forest Park Evening High School. He is nationally known as a public speaker.

The Governor has honorary degrees as follows: 1949, Rider College, Trenton, N. J. (LL.D.); Washington College, (LL.D.); Morgan State College (LL.D.); and the University of Maryland (LL.D.); 1951, Beaver College, Jenkintown, Pa. (LL.D.); and Hanover College, Hanover, Ind., (LL.D.); 1952, Westminster College, Salt Lake City, Utah (Litt.D.); Indiana Central College, Indianapolis, Ind. (Litt.D.); 1953, Ithaca College, Ithaca, N. Y. (LL.D.); Anderson College, Anderson, Ind. (LL.D.); and Loyola College, Baltimore, Md. (L.H.D.); 1954, Steed College of Technology, Johnson City, Tenn. (Dr. Pol. Sc.); Lincoln College, Chicago, Ill. (LL.D.); 1955, Mt. St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Md. (LL.D.); Western Maryland College, (LL.D.); and 1957, University of Liberia (LL.D.).

Long interested in civic as well as political affairs, Governor McKeldin was one of the organizers and the second president of the Junior Association of Commerce of Baltimore. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Council of Social Agencies and the Board of Trustees of the South Baltimore General Hospital. He is chairman of the Board of the Baltimore Civic Opera Company. In 1948 and 1949 he was chairman of Brotherhood Week for the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He is president of the America-Israel Society, and an honorary vestryman of Christ Church, Philadelphia.

He is the recipient of the 1952 Freedoms Foundation Award, the Sydney Hollander Foundation Award for the promotion of better interracial relations, International Youth's Distinguished Service Citation of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, the Twentieth Annual Citation of the Brotherhood of Temple Ohabei Shalom of Boston, Mass., for furthering the cause of human brotherhood, and the Histadrut award for outstanding aid and service to the State of Israel.