

# BODY TO STUDY STATE AGENCY SETUP NAMED

## McKeldin Commission Of 12 Will Investigate Ad- ministrative Groups

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Annapolis, March 3—Governor McKeldin today created a commission of inquiry to find out what the agencies of the State government do and whether they are doing it to the greatest advantage of the public which pays their bills.

At the head of the group, designated the Commission on the Administrative Organization of the State, he appointed Simon E. Sobeloff, former United States District Attorney and former city solicitor of Baltimore.

There are eleven other members representing a wide range of interests and activities, and they were given a staff of six technical and research specialists.

### No Preformulated Ideas

Announcing the appointment of the commission, Mr. McKeldin said that it will set out without preformulated ideas about changes to be recommended, adding:

"It will attempt first of all to find out how the State agencies operate, what they do, and how the work of each of them relates to that of other agencies. It will try to find out how well the government serves the people of the State. The commission will begin its work without commitments of specific intentions to recommend changes in any agency or to do differently anything now being done.

"Its purpose will be to learn and to inform the people about what it learns and then in areas where changes are indicated to recommend such changes as it deems necessary."

### Commission Members Listed

Named with Mr. Sobeloff on the commission were:

CHARLES M. BANDIERE, Baltimore real estate expert and former member of the House of Delegates.

DR. ROGER HOWELL, dean of the University of Maryland Law School.

HENRY P. IRR, president of the Baltimore Federal Savings and Loan Association and former chairman of the State Planning Commission.

DAVID KAUFFMAN, of Cumberland, attorney and a leader in civic undertakings to relieve hardships in the Western Maryland section that was designated a distressed area by the Federal Government.



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TO SURVEY STATE GOVERNMENT—These are the members of a new commission appointed by Governor McKeldin to study the structure of Maryland's government and recommend changes.

Oscar Morris, editor of the Salisbury Times.

JAMES A. NEWELL, political writer and legislative correspondent of the Baltimore News-Post and the Baltimore American.

REUBEN E. OPPENHEIMER, Baltimore attorney who is director of the Department of Correction and chairman of the board of that department.

F. NEAL PARKE, Westminster attorney, constitutional authority, and former member of the Court of Appeals.

ENOS S. STOCKBRIDGE, a former president of the Bar Association of Baltimore and chairman of the commission which revised the Baltimore City Charter under Mr. McKeldin's administration as mayor.

J. THEODORE WOLFE, vice president of the Consolidated Gas Electric Light and Power Company of Baltimore.

DR. ABEL WOLMAN, professor of sanitary engineering at the Johns Hopkins University.

### Technical Aides Named

Assistance on research and technical problems is to be provided the commission under the direction of the following group:

CARL B. SWISHER, 53-year-old professor of political science at the Johns Hopkins University, who is to be director of research. Dr. Swisher is the biographer of Roger Brooke Taney, a former special assistant to the Attorney General of the United States, and the author of a number of works on constitutional problems.

ELWYN MAUCK, head of the State Fiscal Research Bureau, who is to be chief of the commission's technical staff.

### Technical advisers are:

DR. HORACE E. FLACK, director of the Department of Legislative Reference.

DR. MALCOLM MOOS, associate professor of political science at the Johns Hopkins University.

D. BENTON BISER, director of the Baltimore Commission on Governmental Efficiency and Economy.

HERBERT FALLIN, director of the Baltimore Bureau of Accounts and Disbursements and municipal budget director.

### Sobeloff On Trip South

Organization of the commission's activities is apt to be delayed briefly because Mr. Sobeloff left last night for the South under a physician's directions to "take a rest or go to a hospital." He is to be gone ten days.

Under consideration is the appointment of a second and probably larger commission to advise the working group headed by Mr. Sobeloff.

"With the constantly increasing complexity and rising cost of government," Governor McKeldin said, "a number of states have considered it advisable to restudy their administrative systems, procedures and methods. Maryland likewise is in need of such an examination to ascertain what improvements can be made here."

### To Make Comparisons

He charged the commission to carry out a comprehensive study of the operations of the entire executive and administrative branch of the government and where possible to make comparisons with other states that may prove illuminating. He asked the commission ascertain whether the best business

and mechanical techniques are being utilized.

"The commission will concern itself with budgeting and finance problems generally," Mr. McKeldin explained, "the conservation and control of natural resources, the protection of public health, public education, welfare institutions, the problem of preserving and improving State highways, the relation of the State government to cities, towns and counties, and innumerable other problems of importance to the State.

"It will scrutinize critically the present relationships between the office of the Governor and the several State agencies, and will attempt to be of help to the Legislature on problems of control of administration.

"The purpose of the commission, in short, will be to turn the spotlight of attention on the structure and functioning of the government in the hope that over a period of years improvements will be made as a result of what is learned, and to recommend at once those changes which the investigation shows to be obviously needed.

"The character and standing of the men I have chosen is assurance that the work will be performed conscientiously and intelligently. I look forward to substantial public benefits from their efforts."