

# Mayor Denounces Maddox Victory

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Mayor Allen said Thursday that the "seal of the great state of Georgia lies tarnished" because Lester Maddox won the Democratic nomination for governor.

He also said:

"It is deplorable that the combined forces of ignorance, prejudice, reactionism and the duplicity of many Republican voters have thrust upon the state of Georgia Lester Maddox, a totally unqualified individual as the Democratic nominee for governor."

Mr. Allen won office in 1961 by defeating Mr. Maddox in a runoff. In the gubernatorial race this year he had openly supported Ellis Arnall.

He reacted to the Maddox victory in a statement that was at least as strongly worded and to the point as any he has made as mayor.

Then, during a press conference, he let loose and said much more in the same vein.

Mr. Allen was asked several times during the press conference whether he might not endorse and support Republican Howard (Bo) Callaway in the general election.

He had a variety of answers including one that won't do Mr. Callaway any harm.

Mr. Allen first said Mr. Callaway hasn't sought his support and that, besides, he wouldn't try to influence the votes of other Georgians.

Later he said he might simply go fishing Nov. 8, the general election date.

Finally he ended up saying he looks upon Mr. Callaway "as a man of intelligence, of good background, a man of honor and integrity who could bring honesty and decency to the statehouse."

MAYOR ALLEN nonetheless took a poke at "smart alec Republicans" who, according to him, voted for Mr. Maddox in the Democratic runoff primary Wednesday.

He declared that one thing he

intends to work for ardently is a state law that will force Republicans to vote in a Republican primary and Democrats to vote in a Democratic primary.

"Unless we do get on this basis, then the hope for a two-party system will be lost, in light of the duplicity that occurred yesterday," he said.

Mayor Allen said that racial prejudice and reaction to Atlanta's Negro riots figured in the way Georgians had voted on Wednesday.

"It is high time all Georgians put aside their prejudices and begin to realize that a large segment of our population that is Negro is entitled to full rights and privileges as American citizens," he said.

HERE IS the statement in its entirety:

"It is deplorable that the combined forces of ignorance, prejudice, reactionism and the duplicity of many Republican voters have thrust upon the state of Georgia Lester Maddox, a totally unqualified individual, as the Democratic nominee for governor.

"For the past quarter century our state has been outstanding in our region as the advocate of sanity and reason, and as the champion of progress.

"The seal of the great state of Georgia lies tarnished.

"The wisdom, justice and moderation espoused by our founding fathers must not be surrendered to the rabble of prejudice, extremism, buffoonery and incompetency.

"We cannot permit our state's progress to be stopped and reversed by yesterday's mistake."