

# Meyner to Seek A Second Term

## Governor Announces Candidacy for Reelection in Nov.

TRENTON (AP) — Democratic Gov. Robert B. Meyner announced today he would seek a second term.

"I must confess I considered not too seriously to return to law practice and business opportunity," he added, "but I've had an intimate view of state government and I'm very much interested in that activity and hope to continue in that activity."

"I hope to win — I think I can win — I believe I can win," Meyner told the news conference. "It will be decided, of course, by well over two million jurors."

Meyner will be opposed by the winner of the Republican primary contest between State Sens. Malcolm S. Forbes and Wayne Dumont, Jr.

He cited what he considered the achievements of his administration and pledged to continue those activities.

He also pointed out that he had appointed Independents and Republicans to key posts in his administration and promised, if elected, to continue to name persons "of the highest integrity" to governmental positions.

Meyner said he considered education the state's no. 1 problem and promised to continue a program of state aid.

He also said the state needed improvements in water development and highway construction, adding:

"These are our vital problems, and I think the chief executive has assembled around himself devoted people who have carried or to solve them."

### Republican Comment

Sen. Malcolm S. Forbes (Somerset), candidate for the GOP gubernatorial nomination, said at his office in Newark "The only surprise would have been if Gov. Meyner had announced he was not running."

"It is entirely natural that the Democratic candidate should be the man who has led their party for the past four years," he said.

The other contender for the GOP nomination, Sen. Wayne Dumont Jr. (Warren), said he was "happy to hear" the governor had "at last brought a climax to his most recent grandstand play."

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Dumont, who comes from Meyner's hometown of Phillipsburg, defeated the governor in 1951 for the Warren County senate seat after Meyner had beaten him four years before.

The two have emerged from their frequent skirmishes as arch political enemies.

Commenting on Meyner's announcement, Republican State Chairman Samuel L. Bodine said: "We welcome the opportunity to campaign on the Governor's extravagant record of the past three years. Real progress in New Jersey will be accomplished when a Republican governor is working in harmony with the Republican Legislature. Much of the credit the Governor takes to himself is a result of the efforts of the Republican Legislature."

### Why Does He Want It?

During his description of achievements during his administration, Meyner several times claimed they were accomplished despite the "abstrusionist tactics of the majority party."

"Why do I want to continue?" he asked. "I think we want this kind of government to continue and I think the people want it to continue."

Meyner indicated he hoped this election would not be the type of hair-raising close contest he experienced many times in his career.

"I've had some close elections," he said with a smile. "I've always prayed that the results will be decisive."

He told the news conference that he had "tried to operate the executive branch on the basis of furnishing the best kind of government."

"I believe citizens are entitled to men of integrity and those who are devoted public servants," he added.

Meyner indicated that Secretary of State Edward J. Patten, Perth Amboy, may serve as his campaign manager for the second time.

Asked by newsmen if he had decided on a choice of a pilot for the forthcoming campaign, Meyner would only say:

"I had a very satisfactory one four years ago."