

1 JUDGE CARTER: I think you have got a situation
2 in the State that may be somewhat unusual, and that is,
3 you have got 70 per cent of the voting strength of the
4 State in Baltimore City and the County.

5 MR. MARTINEAU: I don't think we are too un-
6 usual in that.

7 JUDGE CLAPP: May I say for whatever it is
8 worth that the suggestion of Judge Oppenheimer is very
9 appealing to me. If there is an unusual beginning, such
10 as we now have in the Court of Appeals, but with the
11 power of the Legislature to change it, I think there is a
12 vast difference between starting out with districts and
13 starting out with an unlimited power to impose statewide
14 elections. I think there is a great deal of difference
15 between getting the Legislature to change from districting to
16 statewide elections than there would be getting an open
17 power to adopt whatever it sees fit in the first instance.
18 To adopt this suggestion is very appealing to me.

19 THE CHAIRMAN: It could be districting and
20 still statewide elections.

21 JUDGE CLAPP: That is possible.