

1 affirmatively, it was felt that because of the political
2 situation in Maryland, that it would not be too much to ask
3 that we say no county shall be exempt because of the his-
4 tory of Maryland.

5 MR. MARTINEAU: But my question went to whether
6 you were talking merely about the establishment of the
7 government of counties, which is provided for by Section 1,
8 in the first sentence of (b), which says, Which shall in
9 their terms and in their effect apply alike to all counties.

10 Now, if you are talking about the general exemp-
11 tion from any legislation which doesn't refer to the es-
12 tablishment of county governments and the powers of county
13 governments, and that is what this is under, then I think
14 it's in the wrong place.

15 MRS. FREEDLANDER: The first sentence says,
16 Shall legislate for counties only by the general law and
17 then stresses it, and it seems superfluous, I know, but we
18 felt because of the political situations, it then had to
19 be said in the negative in order to re-enforce it because
20 of the political habits of Maryland. This is a particularly
21 Maryland fill-in, so to speak.