

1 of the judicial system of the State of Maryland.

2 Now, Mr. Winters, first of all, I would like
3 to ask you to describe just what the American Judicature
4 Society is, so that people might have a little better
5 idea of what it is and what its purpose is.

6 MR. WINTERS: Well, I thank you, first of
7 all, for your very kind welcome. I fully appreciate
8 that there was not very much advance notice, nobody
9 knew about it, including myself, until a few days ago.
10 And I am happy to have a chance to meet with you
11 people. I have been familiar for a long time with many
12 of those who are interested in the judiciary of Maryland
13 and its improvement, and especially my friend Bob
14 Martineau here, and I am delighted to have a chance to
15 become more fully acquainted with what this Commission
16 is doing. To ask me to speak about the American
17 Judicature Society is in effect asking for the 60-second
18 commercial. The Society is a national and international
19 organization of lawyers, judges, and laymen. We have
20 about 23,000 members in all states, and in several
21 foreign countries. Our work is to publish a monthly