

1 Unlike Maryland, they were elected there as
2 Democrats and Republicans and were partisan from the
3 day they formed. They transformed themselves into a
4 junior edition of the New York General Assembly.

5 This Constitutional Convention has not made
6 those basic mistakes. We are elected on a non-partisan
7 basis, we came here as delegates, obedient only to our own
8 conscience as to what is good for the State of Maryland.

9 New York made one other great mistake. In
10 giving the voters just a warmed-over version of what
11 they already have, the delegates of the New York Conven-
12 tion failed in the matter of courage and wisdom. They were
13 rightly repudiated by the voters of New York.

14 I urge my fellow delegates, let us not make that
15 one mistake New York made. Let us in this important re-
16 spect again be different from New York, just as we came
17 here as non-partisans, just as we came here in a spirit
18 to try to fashion the best possible Constitution, even
19 though we might not agree with all parts of it. Let's
20 once again show New York we have in Maryland what they
21 didn't have in their Convention, courage to do the right