

rid of in the legislature. That is why we feel it must go to the people.

DELEGATE CASE: I am not sure I completely understand. For example, couldn't, again using Baltimore County as an example under your proposal, a complete countywide ticket be drawn of people who live only in Towson?

DELEGATE HOPKINS: Mr. Case, I think this is something that is very unlikely. Certainly it could happen, but I do not think the voters of your county are likely to be that fooled.

DELEGATE CASE: I would not comment on that. Traditionally, of course, as I understand it, though I don't know anything about this political subject really; but as I understand it, tickets were made up of people who lived in the various areas as nearly as possible. In other words, back when we had a House of Delegates of six people running from the county at large, they always tried to pick two from, let's say the lower end of the county, one from the Towson area, one from Catonsville. Could this not take us right back to where we were before?

DELEGATE HOPKINS: May I point out, you come from a county in which the situation is obviously ideal. We do want people from each district, but I shall also point out there are other parts of Maryland where this has not been the practice.

I think we are now getting back into the argument of single member districts and not the problem to which I address myself which is what we do about the legislator whose district is drawn from under him.

DELEGATE CASE: My whole point is that in theory this could run counter to the theory of single member districts and could in theory cut the basis of it right away, couldn't it?

DELEGATE HOPKINS: In theory a lot of things could happen, but I am not that pessimistic about the voters.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions of the minority spokesman for the purpose of clarification. Delegate Sickles.

DELEGATE SICKLES: Will the spokesman yield to a question?

DELEGATE HOPKINS: Yes.

DELEGATE SICKLES: Isn't it true, if you did put together such a ticket and all those candidates did not live in the respective separate districts, the advantage

of ticketing would, as a matter of fact, not be there because each candidate would have to be elected from his own separate district and not be dragged in with the rest of the ticket.

DELEGATE HOPKINS: Thank you very much. That is absolutely correct.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions? Delegate Pullen.

DELEGATE PULLEN: I find myself somewhat confused with all this discussion of single district and redistricting and the like. I am in sympathy with and in favor of the single district.

However, the problem here does not seem to be that. It seems to be revolving around the question of redistricting. I live in the first district of Baltimore County.

THE CHAIRMAN: This is a period for questions. Are you about to ask the minority spokesman a question.

DELEGATE PULLEN: I have the privilege of making a speech before asking a question.

The CHAIRMAN: Not at this point.

DELEGATE PULLEN: Tell me what this is all about.

THE CHAIRMAN: You may address questions to the minority spokesman for purpose of clarification of the Minority Report. At the regular point we will give you the floor to make a speech.

DELEGATE PULLEN: I do not want to make a speech. Delegate Hopkins is the wife of a former pupil for whom I have respect, I want to support her.

Mrs. Hopkins, you are trying to guard against the evil of indiscriminate redistricting, gerrymandering, some people call it; I like to call it shoestringing. Just what does this involve? If you can make that clear, I will probably go along with you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Hopkins.

DELEGATE HOPKINS: This involves removing from the constitution any requirements for a person filing for the legislature as to where he lives. The purpose of this is not to let someone run who knows nothing about the district and is from outside; it is to protect the person who is already elected or who has been an active political force in a district. It would not necessarily always be a case of gerrymandering, just in redrawing lines of necessity every ten years. If you live in a precinct