

1 entire Commission is about to embrace the current theory
2 in the field of political science of centering more power
3 in the office of the governor -- a theory, in my humble
4 opinion, which is often accepted in the classroom in the
5 absence of very little knowledge of practical politics as
6 evidenced in Annapolis, either in the governor's office
7 or in the halls of the Legislature.

8 If I may digress for a brief moment, one example
9 of my dissent deals with the appointment by the governor
10 of the Comptroller, one of whose principal duties is the
11 collection of State revenue. Blood has been shed since
12 the time of the Romans -- and probably before -- over the
13 collection of taxes. Therefore, I believe that the State
14 official responsible for this task should be kept as close
15 as possible to the people on whom the taxes are levied,
16 namely that he should be elected by popular vote.

17 I am much more concerned with the current think-
18 ing concerning the proposed treatment of public education
19 in the revision of the Maryland Constitution. As I have
20 already stated, we believe:

- 21 1. That a statewide system of public education