

1 MRS. FREEDLANDER: Isn't true that the exist-  
2 ing Constitution does state that the General Assembly  
3 shall establish free public schools?

4 DR. PULLEN: Yes.

5 MRS. FREEDLANDER: It is already in the hands  
6 of the legislature.

7 DR. PULLEN: In the final analysis, I'm not  
8 quite sure we're on the same point here. What I'm trying  
9 to say, from a practical standpoint, the Governor puts  
10 in -- he has to put in his budget the appropriations for  
11 schools according to law, public schools, but he can  
12 also go in there and put in the budget a lot of other  
13 things that he wants himself and the legislature -- if  
14 he has enough power, if he has enough patronage and  
15 enough veto power and so on, he can put in a lot of  
16 things. Again, I hope I'm not making charges. I'm  
17 talking about government, not personalities.

18 MRS. FREEDLANDER: But, in the existing  
19 formula which has been devised by you during your  
20 distinguished term as Superintendent of Schools, the  
21 whole question of the formula, which is so fine in