

1 we have protection. This is what the Constitution is  
2 for, to guarantee certain things, protect the things  
3 that we ought to have, so far as the establishment of  
4 the government, the school government, if you please.  
5 This group I have worked with for fifteen years feels  
6 very strongly that this is a must. We want to preserve  
7 the independence of the public schools and the freedom  
8 from the kind of interference we've been talking about.

9 THE CHAIRLADY: Thank you very much. Mr.  
10 Sartorius, did you want to make a comment?

11 MR. WILLIAM S. SARTORIUS: I'd like to comment  
12 on a question Mr. Eney raised and that is about the  
13 local boards of education. I think it is rather advis-  
14 able to consider that, including local boards of education,  
15 also. We operate in Baltimore County under a County  
16 Charter, of course, a charter form of government locally,  
17 but that Charter spells out the Board of Education as a  
18 department and speaks in terms of it as being a depart-  
19 ment, and we are running into problems all the time as  
20 to whether or not the Charter takes precedence over the  
21 State school laws, Article 77. In some cases, it is