

1 Chairman Clagett said that he detected general  
 2 agreement on the part of the Committee members that the  
 3 county should be the basic unit of government, as of that  
 4 point. He agreed with Judge Adkins not to pin down the  
 5 future of what local governments should look like too  
 6 explicitly in any proposed constitutional revision. He  
 7 also at this point raised the question, he said the  
 8 Committee must face up to the question whether local  
 9 government, whether the creation of local government  
 10 should be made in the Legislature or whether power to  
 11 create new units of local governments should be given to  
 12 local bodies themselves.

13 Consultant Loevy raised the question of abolish-  
 14 ing small cities and the further question of just how many  
 15 small cities there were in Maryland and to what extent  
 16 their powers existed. Mrs. Freedlander agreed on the  
 17 abolition of small cities as being in many cases largely  
 18 unrealistic units of government. Consultant Loevy at  
 19 this point raised the question of a definition for the  
 20 concept of home rule, whether home rule powers should be  
 21 clearly laid out in the Constitution or should be left to