

1 the elimination of language from yesterday, and conse-
2 quently, I would oppose the insertion.

3 MRS. BOTHE: I would like to point out that
4 I think the inclusion of this language might have some
5 practical aspect. There still exists on the statute
6 books a number of unrepealed statutes involving or re-
7 quiring segregation; for instance, the one which makes
8 it a crime for interracial marriage has never been taken
9 off the books. I think a section like this in the new
10 Constitution, if passed by the Convention and the people,
11 would automatically result in an official declaration
12 that all such parts of our law are unconstitutional.
13 Otherwise, the matter is going to stand in limbo. I
14 think it is unconstitutional, but the courts haven't
15 thrown it out officially, and the Legislature has refused
16 to throw it out, all these little tag ends that exist
17 in the Annotated Code of Maryland, so I feel that it
18 would have that much of an effect. It would be a repealer
19 of anything on the statute books of the State which re-
20 quired or enforced segregation or discrimination because
21 of race, creed or color.