

1 means, as a practical matter, the jurisdiction in Baltimore
2 City, Baltimore County and Prince George's County will
3 probably be governed by what the people want in Somerset
4 County.

5 MR. HARGROVE: I think, as a member of the
6 Legislative Committee, there was one problem we considered
7 in considering the District Court as a State-wide court.
8 Likewise, we considered the judges moving from place to
9 place, and this is one of the considerations that was
10 weighed in favor of a unified, at least concurrent, through-
11 out the State and that can be a problem when you go from a
12 less populous county into, say Montgomery County or one of
13 the neighboring counties.

14 This is one of the things we felt would out-
15 weight, perhaps, the ability of the lawyer to select his
16 own court which is done certainly very readily in Baltimore
17 City. I know as a fact, in the People's Court, you have
18 up to \$2500 and there are many lawyers who go into Baltimore
19 City Court, as opposed to the People's Court, and we felt
20 this far outweighed the other problem.

21 DR. MICHENER: I disagree with Mr. Hargrove and