

1 as the people may see fit. This is a State-wide court
2 and there is a, so far as I can see, absolutely no reason
3 to vary the jurisdiction of these courts from county to
4 county.

5 DR. MICHENER: The only reason to vary the
6 jurisdiction is to provide the proper services to the
7 people as desired by the lawyers and the citizens of the
8 individual localities, and I think that is a factor that
9 has some weight.

10 MR. MARTINEAU: I don't see, frankly, how our
11 proposal will defeat that.

12 MR. BOTHE: I think we're losing sight of one
13 thing and that is that the requirement might not have to
14 be written into the Constitution. It may be that the
15 Legislature in its wisdom will find that a uniform juris-
16 dictional system is desirable, but I question whether the
17 Constitution should make it mandatory, particularly when
18 you are starting a new court system. The District Court
19 system is going to be a brand new one. There has been no
20 experience with it and there are going to be quite a few
21 problems of a jurisdictional nature. I see no reason why